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**MEET THE NEW
NIGHTWING AND HIS
PARTNER...RED X.**

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**CAN THE FASTEST
MEN ALIVE OUTFRAN
THEIR DESTINY?**

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**A LEGIONNAIRE BETRAYS
THE ENTIRE GALAXY!**

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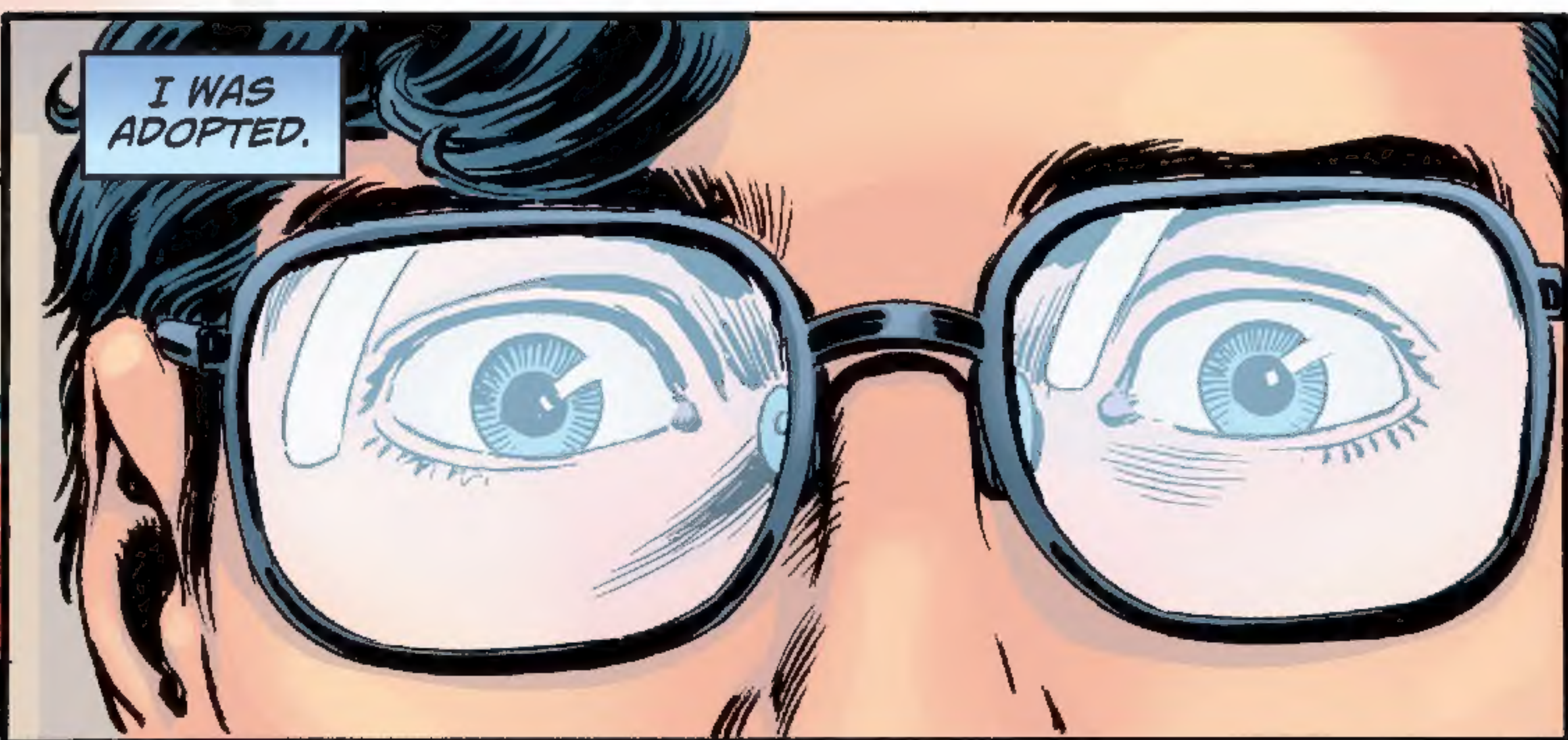
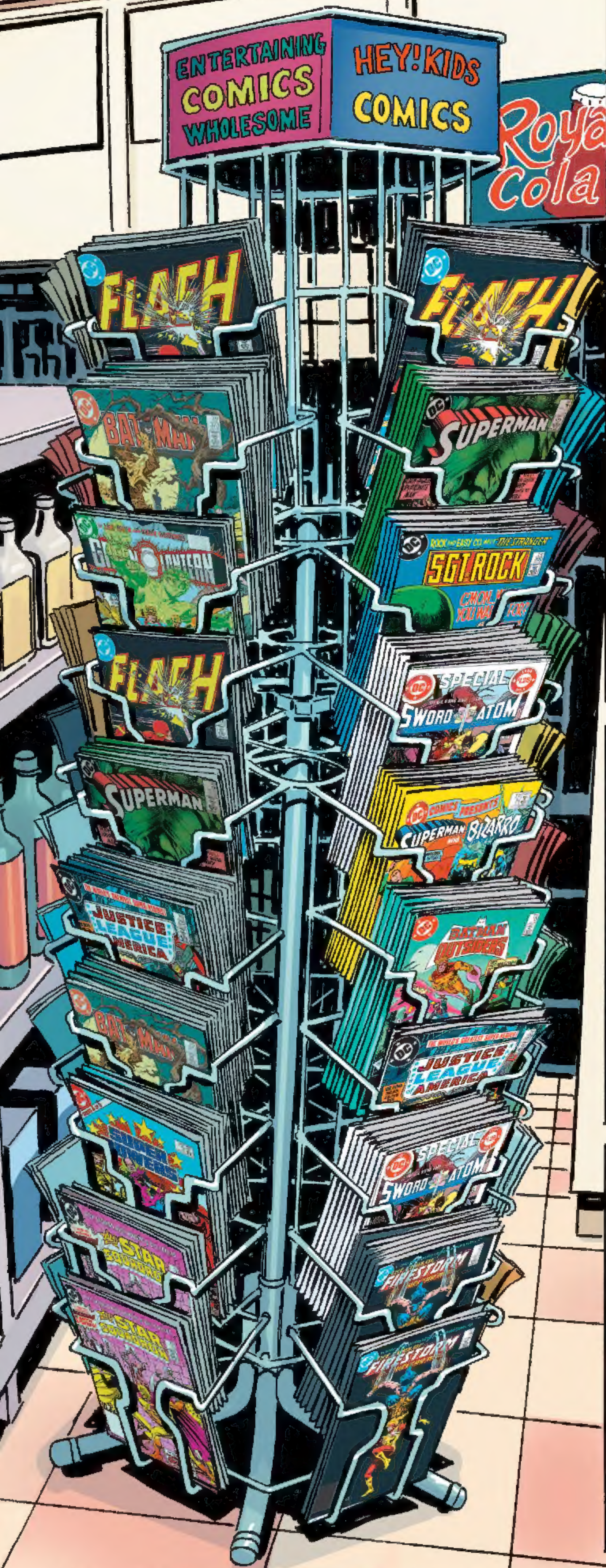


**THE POWER OF SHAZAM
CORRUPTED AND
POSSESSED BY RAVEN!**

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**DISCOVER THE DESTINY OF THE
DC UNIVERSE!**

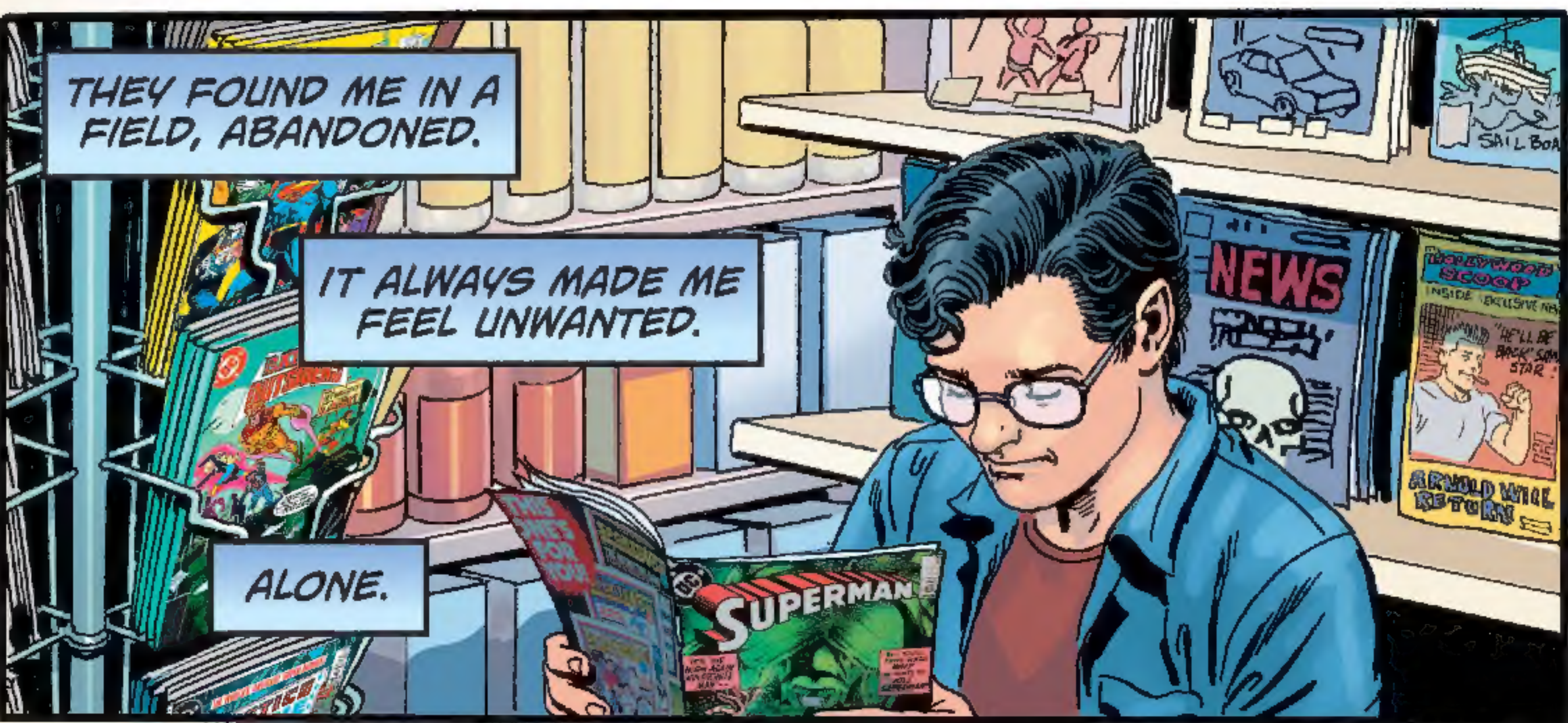


I WAS ADOPTED.



JUST LIKE HIM.

THAT'S WHY MY PARENTS NAMED ME CLARK KENT.



THEY FOUND ME IN A FIELD, ABANDONED.

IT ALWAYS MADE ME FEEL UNWANTED.

ALONE.



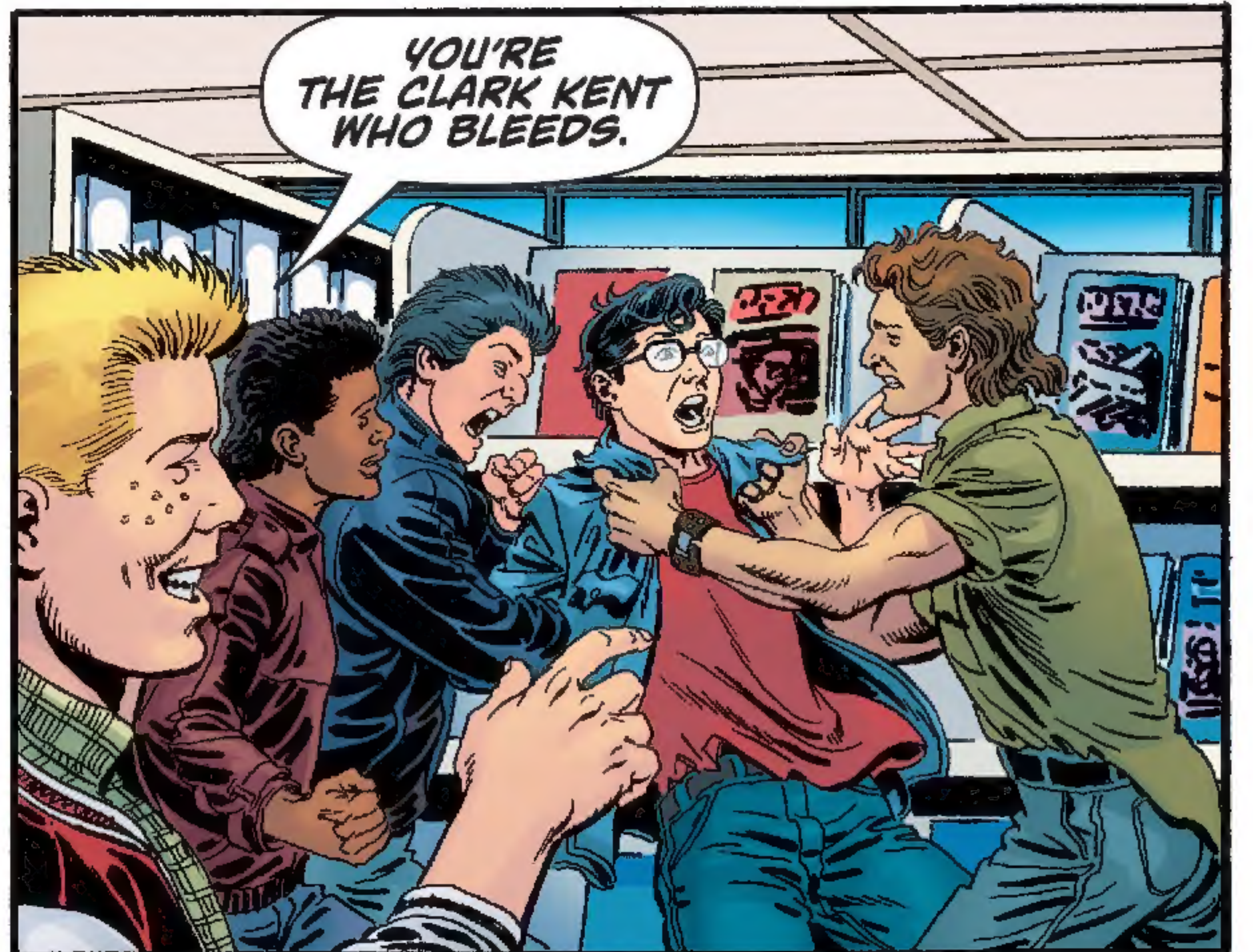
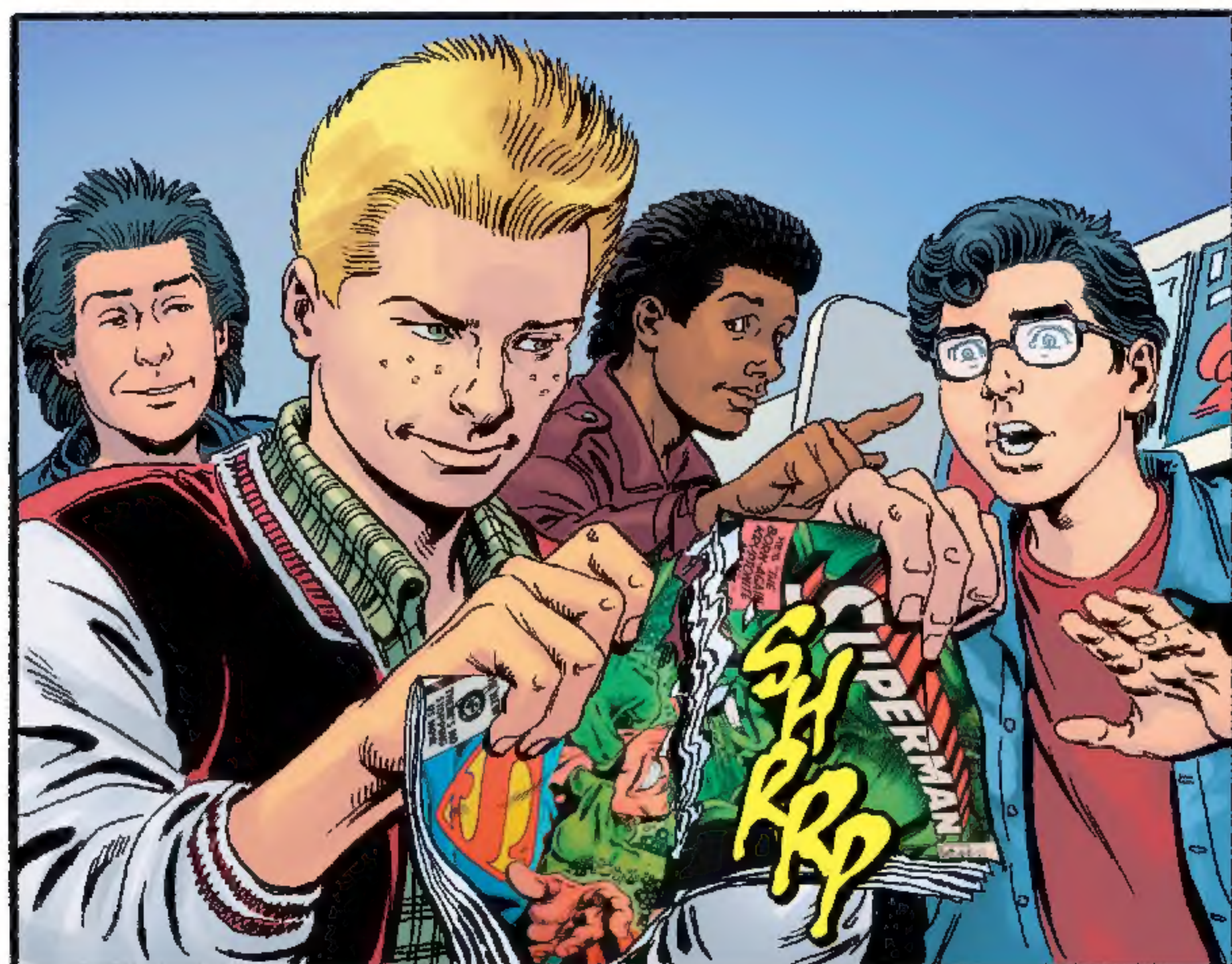
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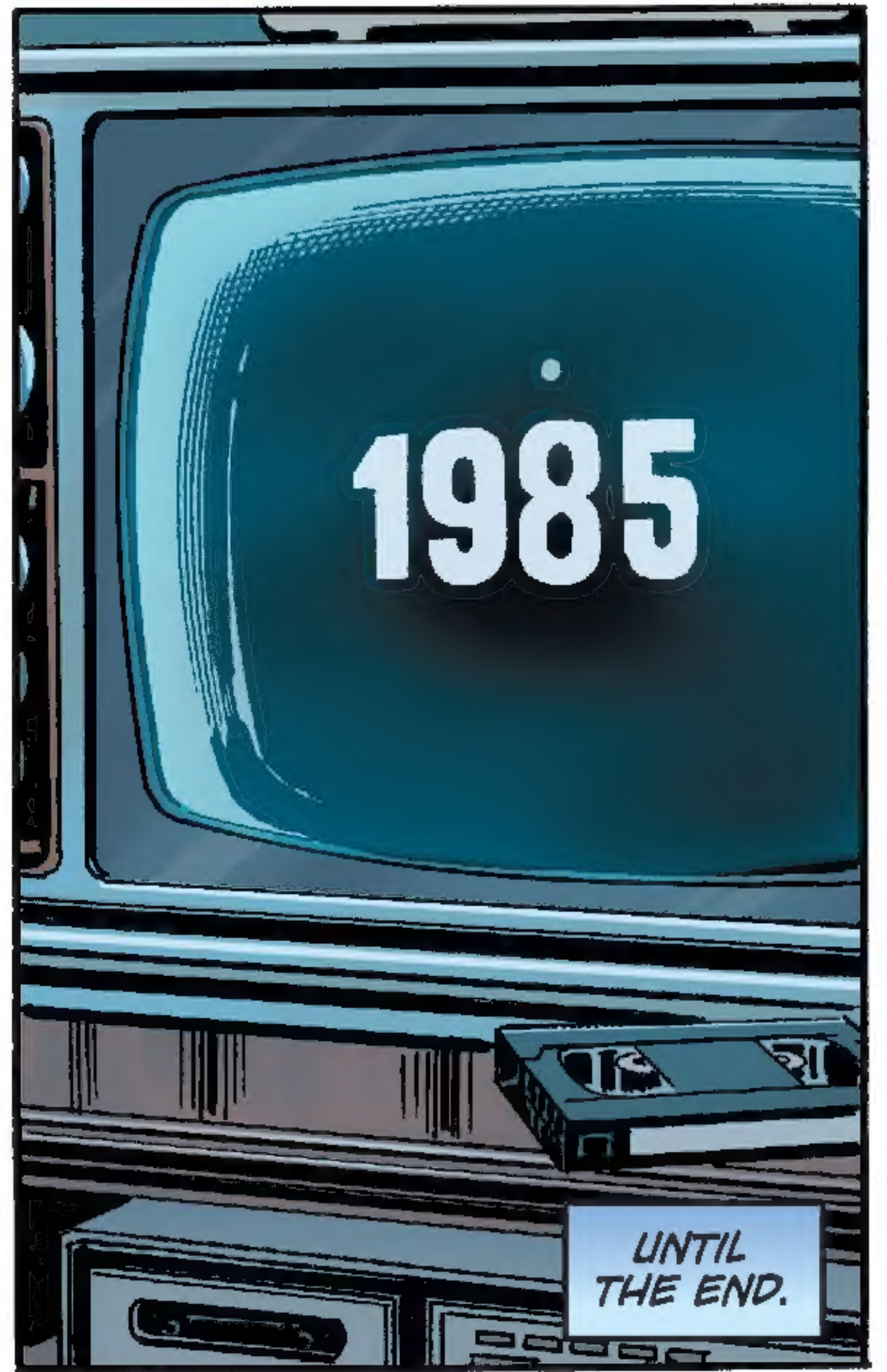
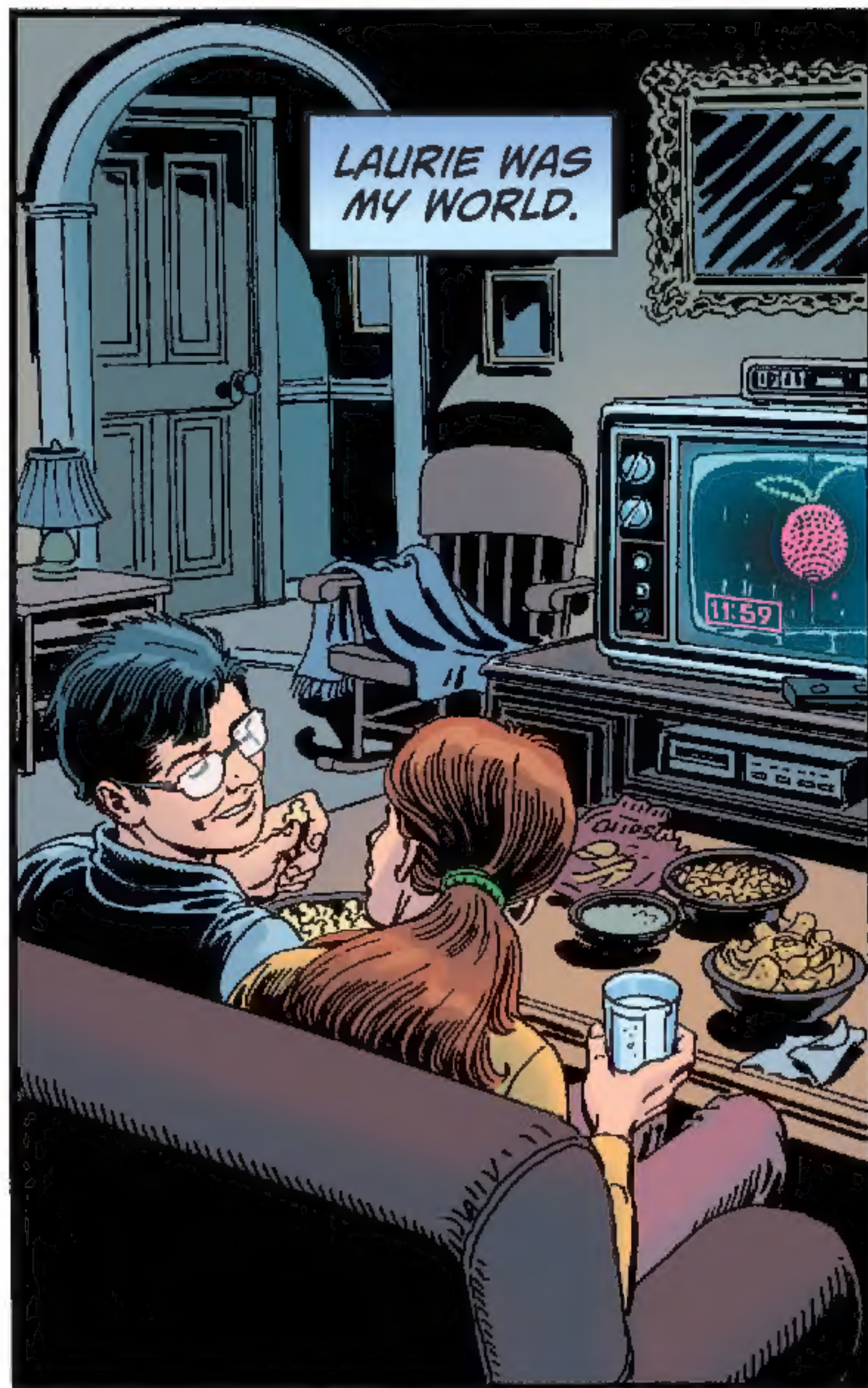
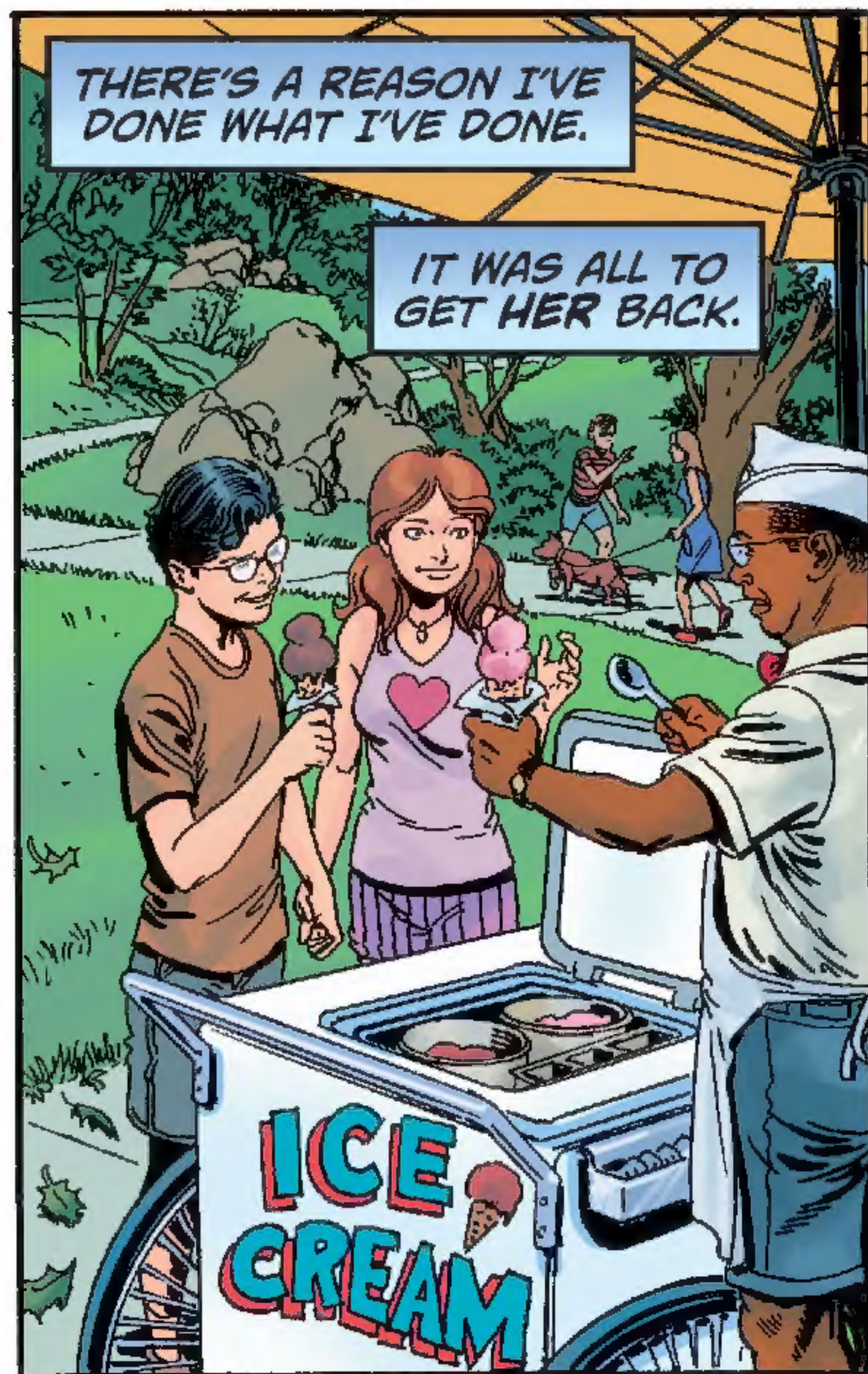
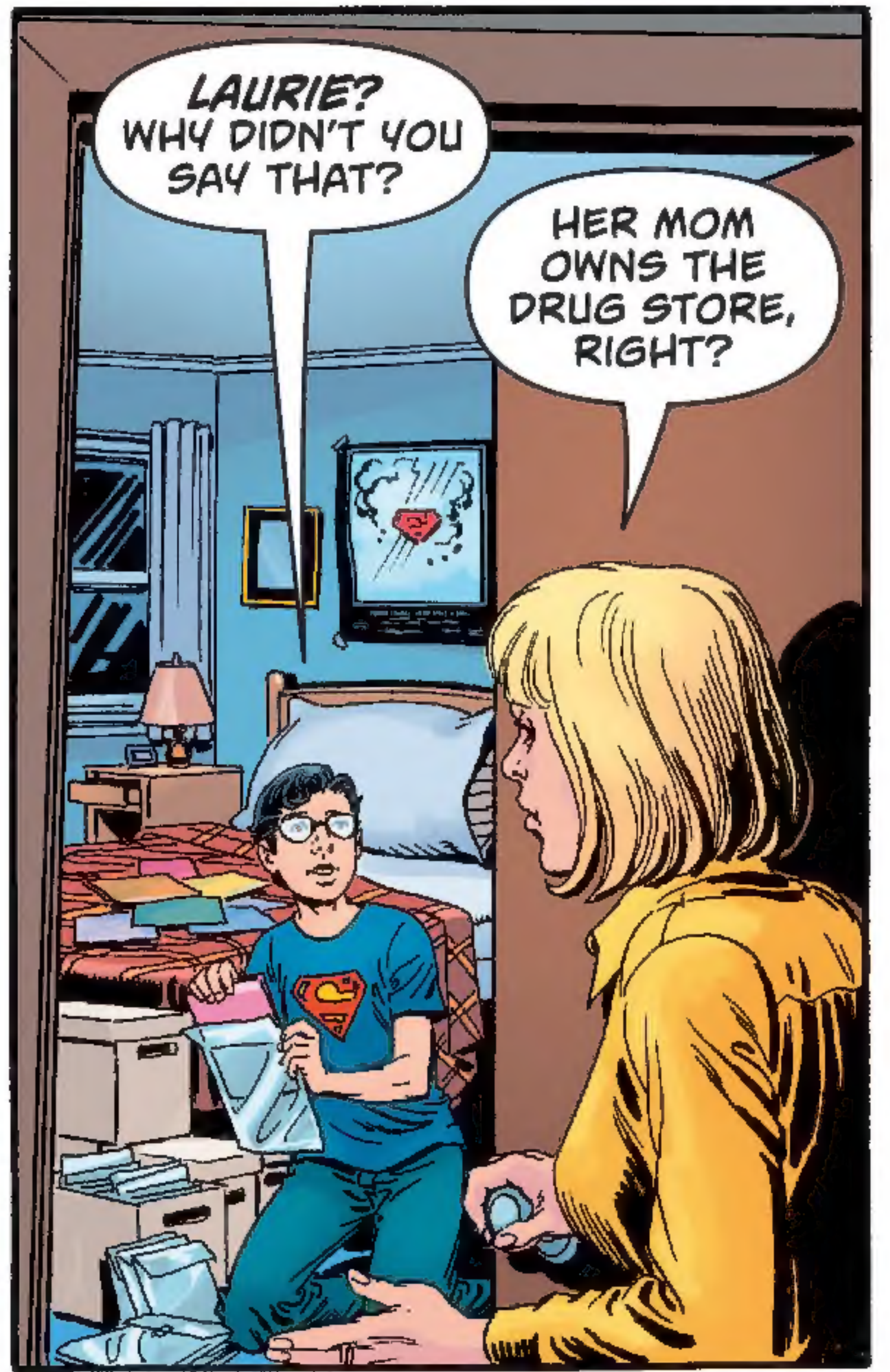
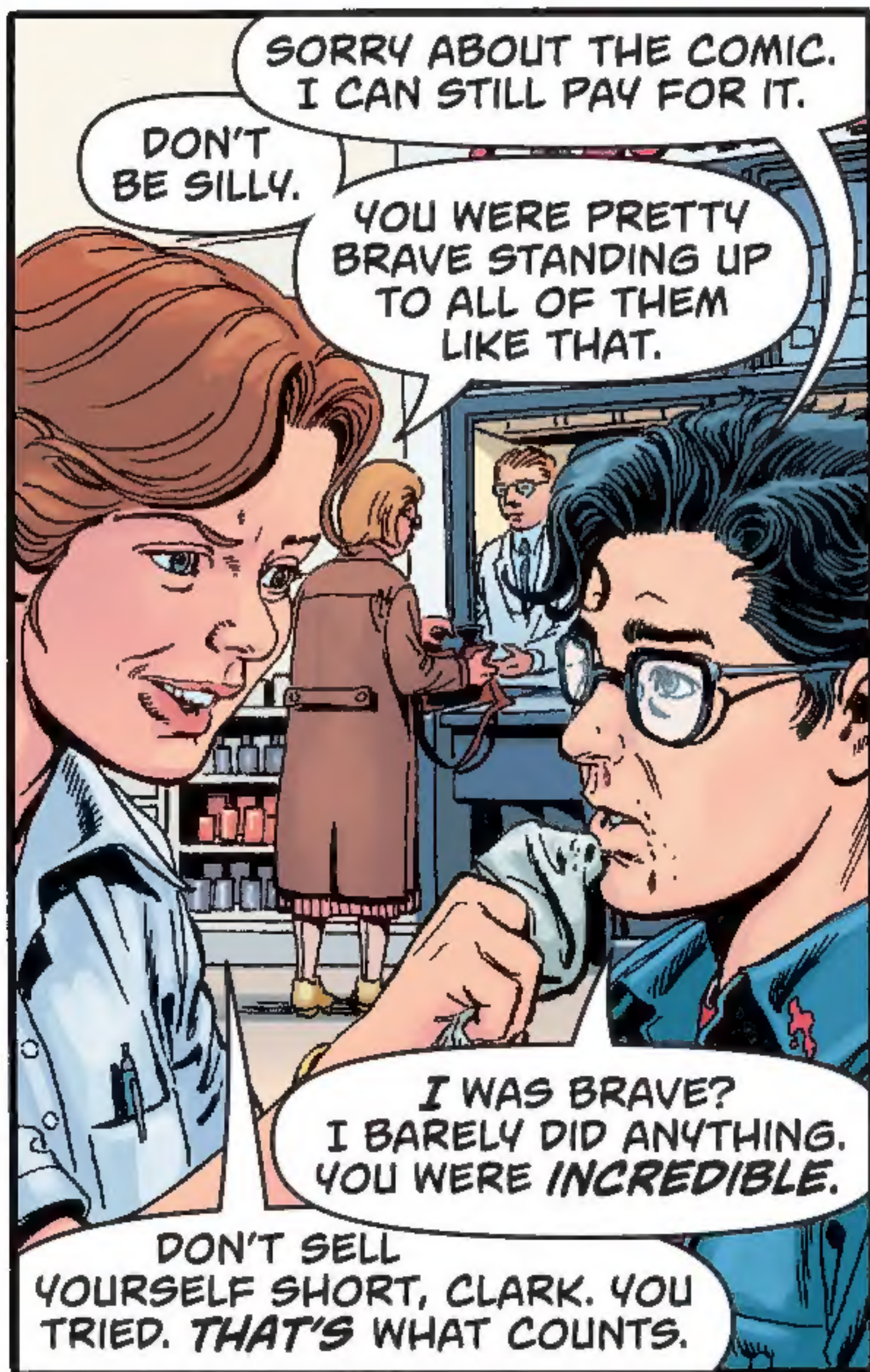
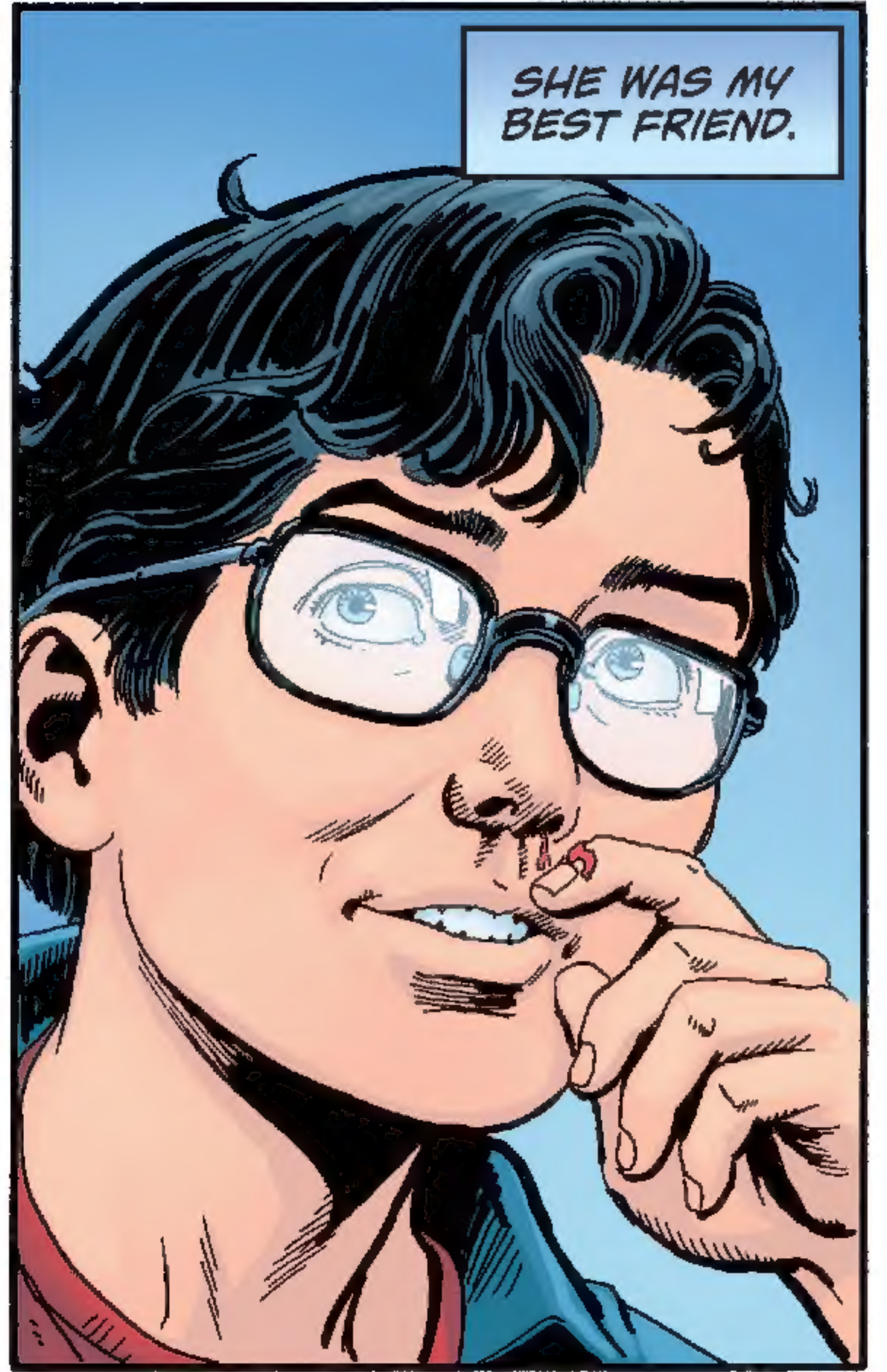
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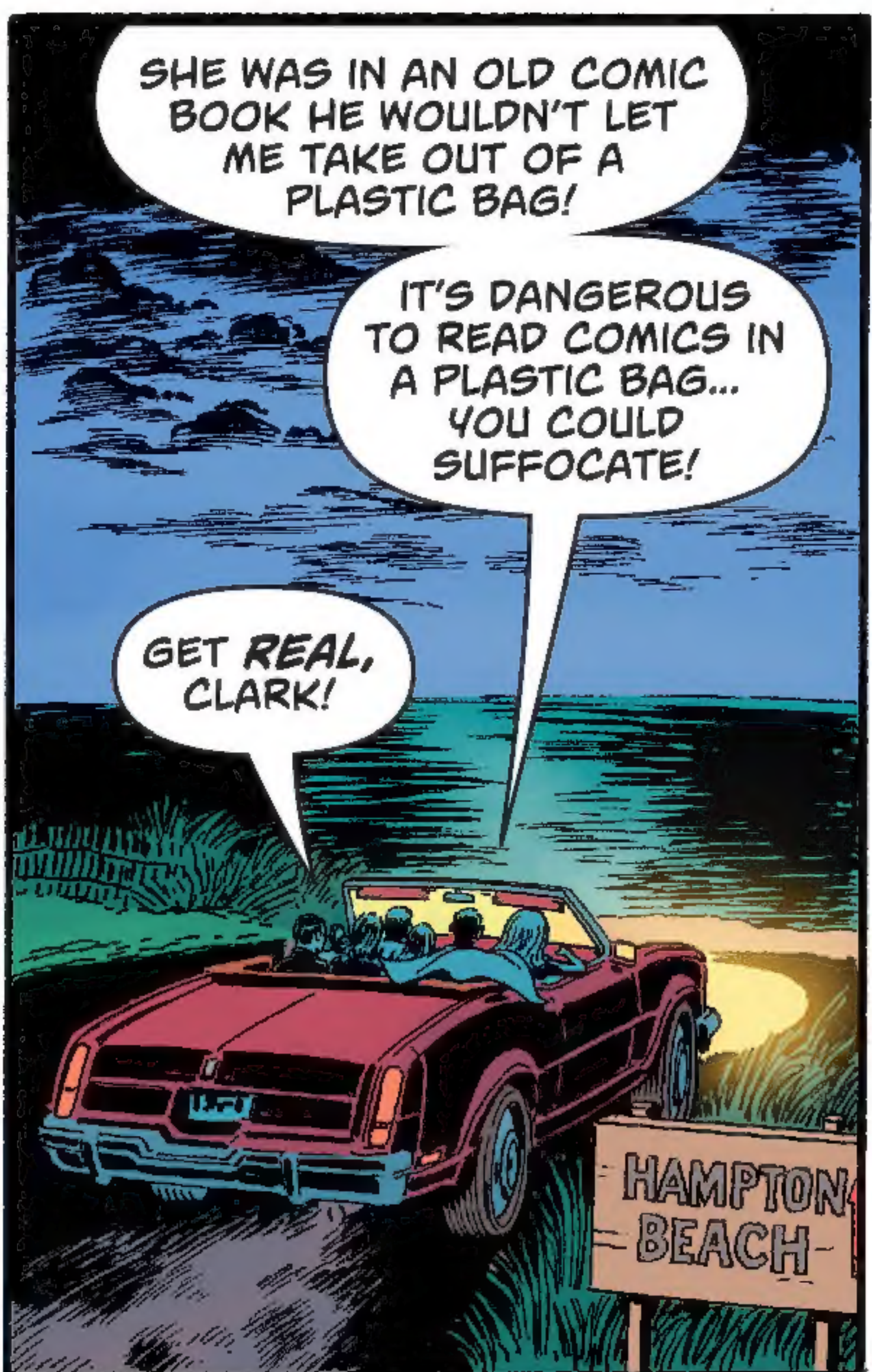
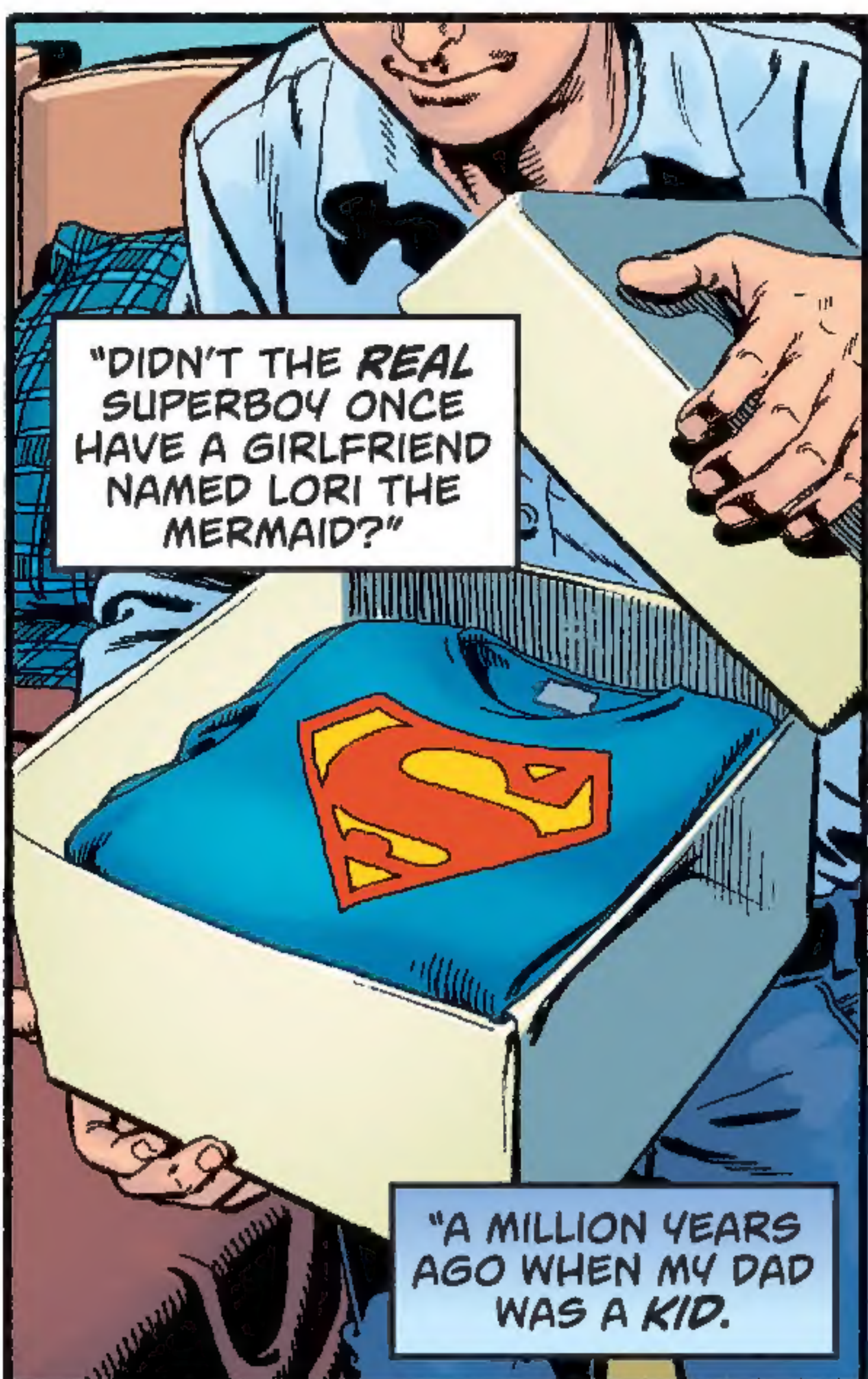
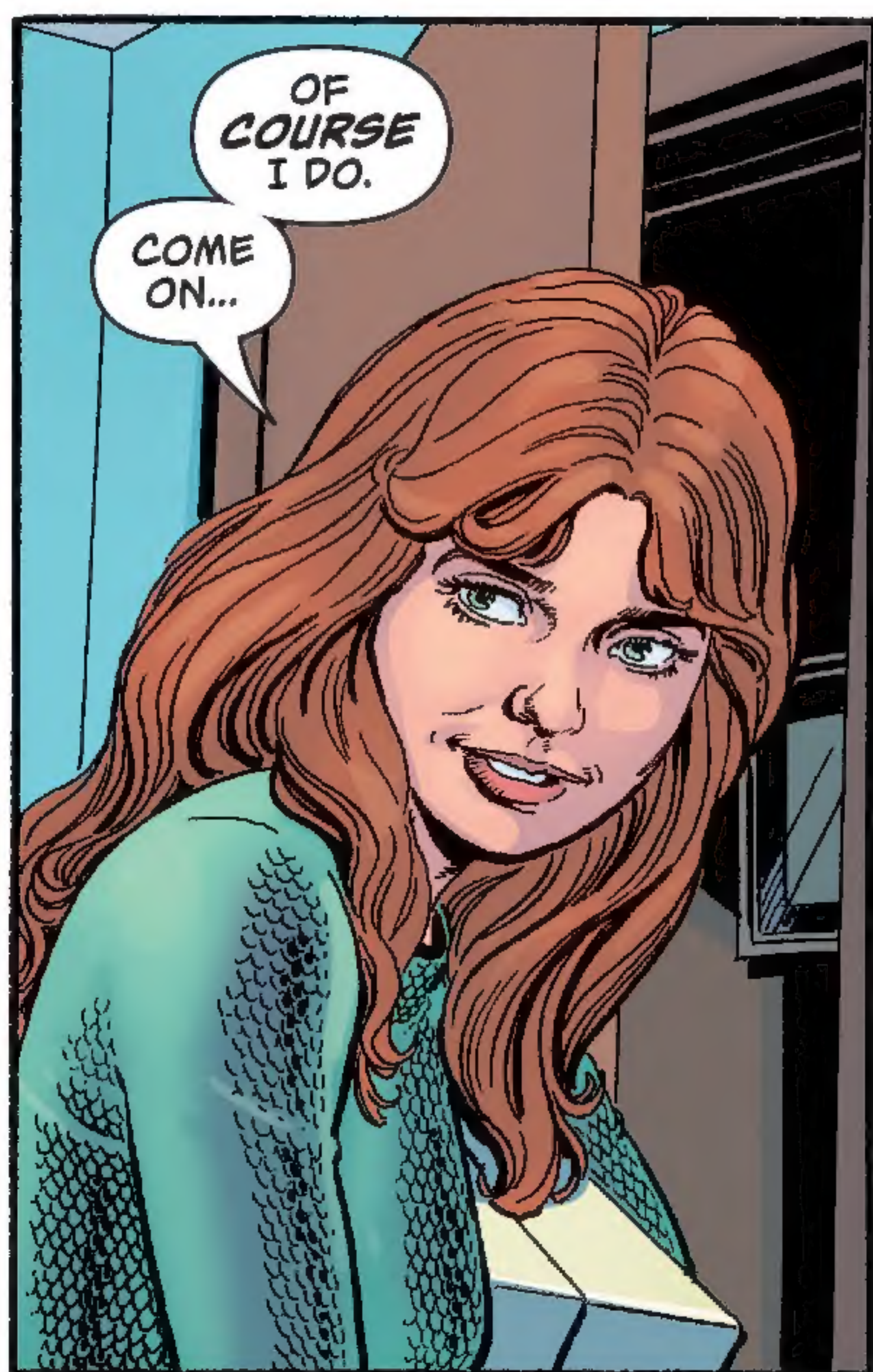
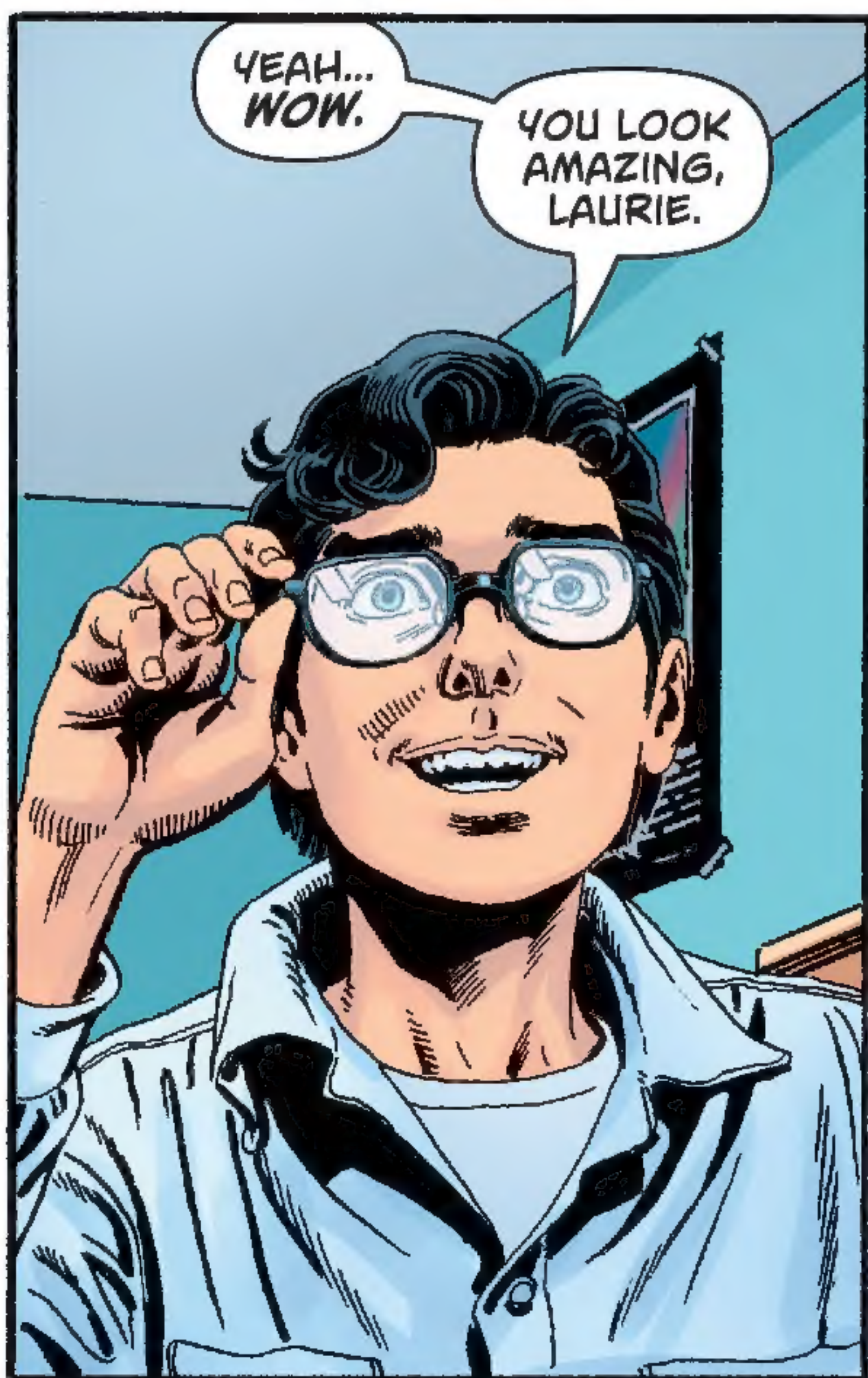
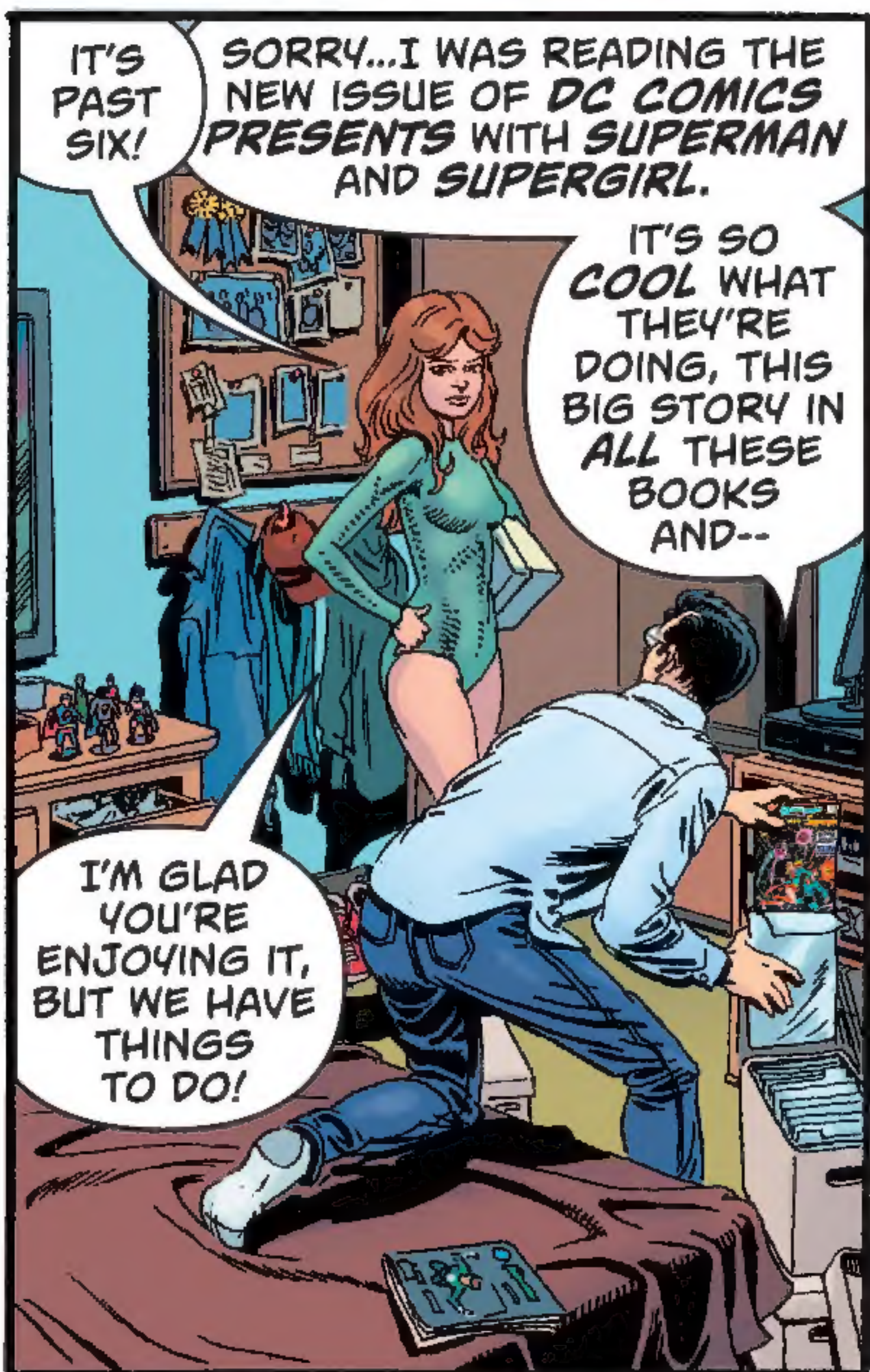
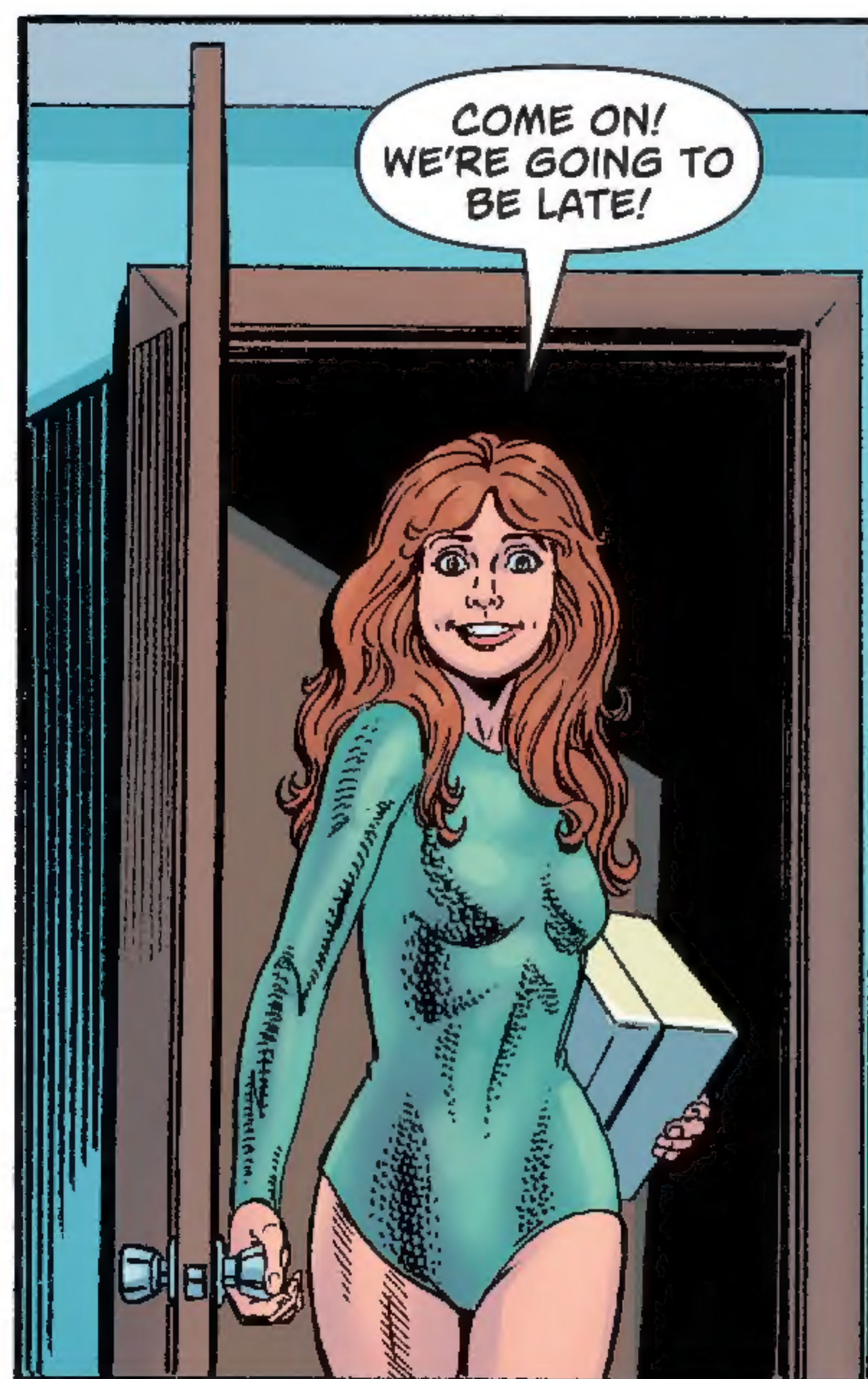


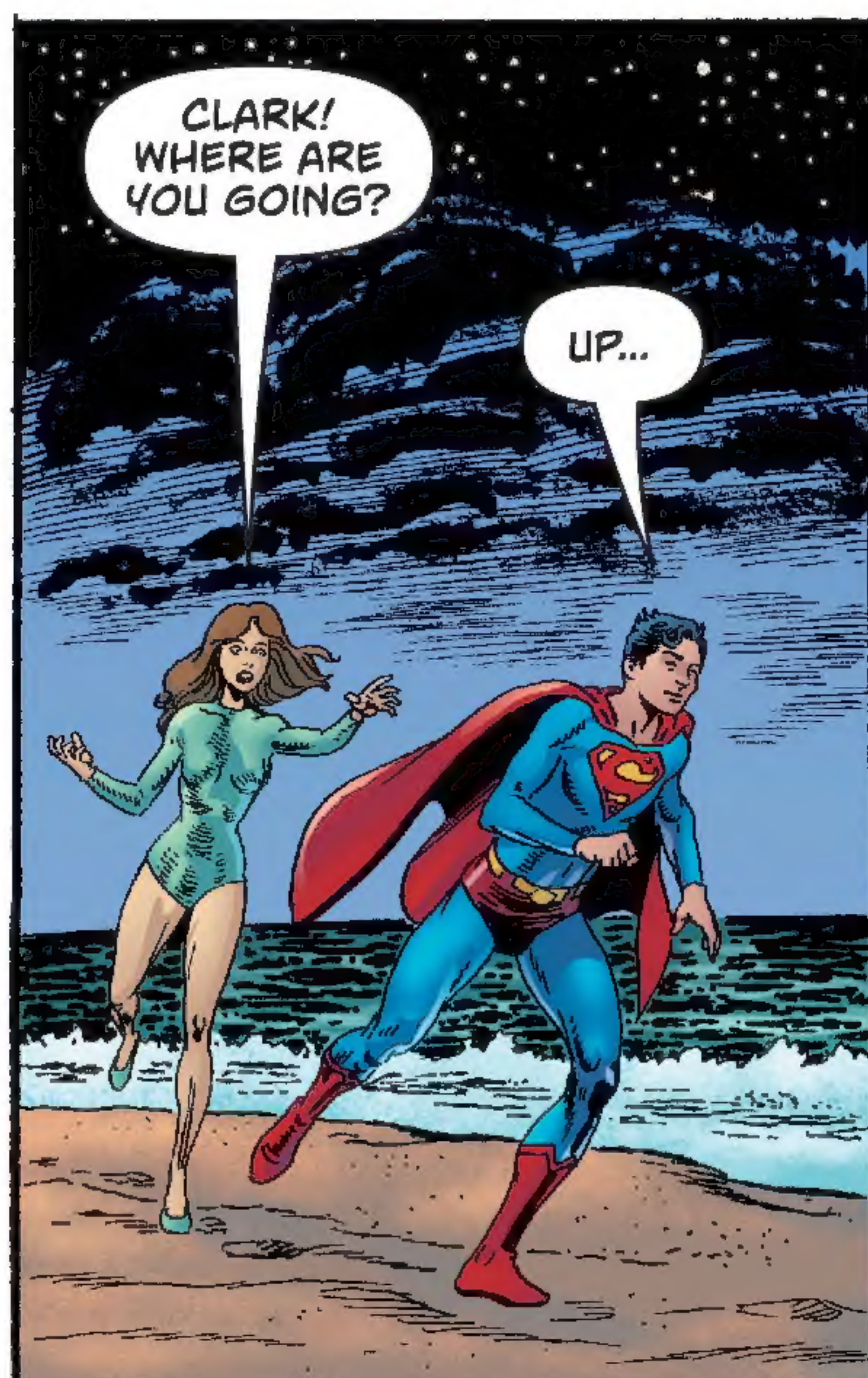
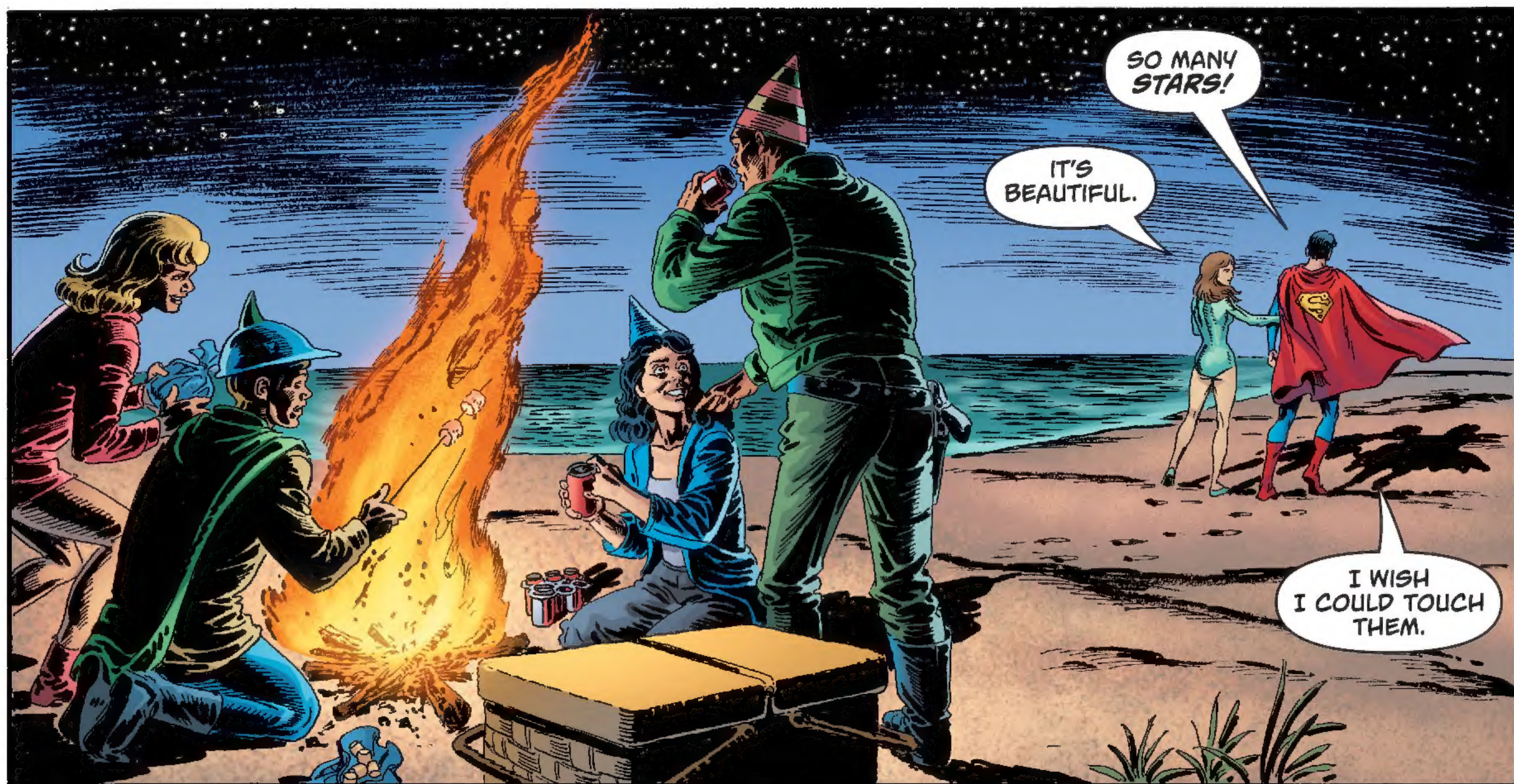
UNTIL HE BETRAYED ME.

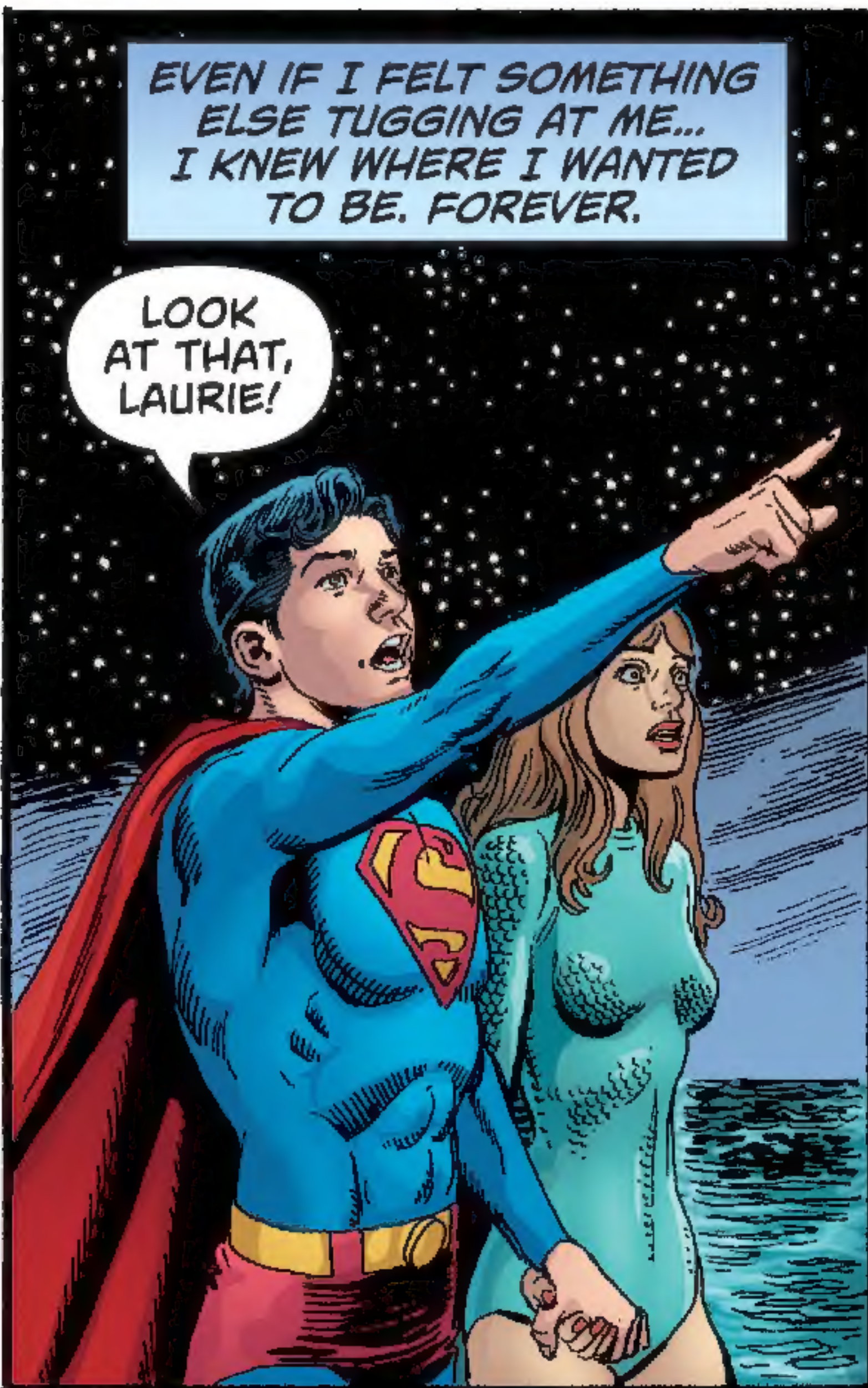
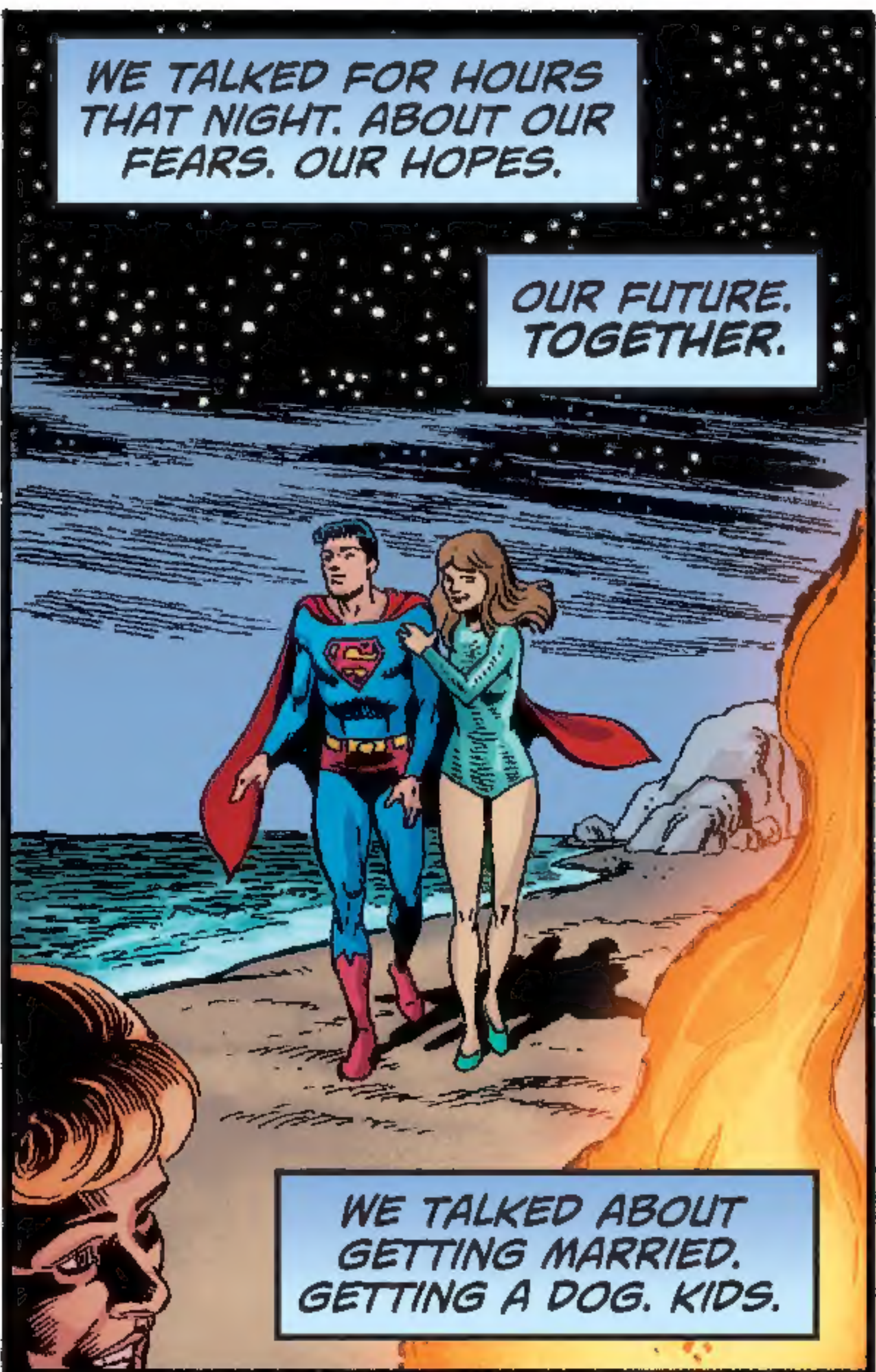
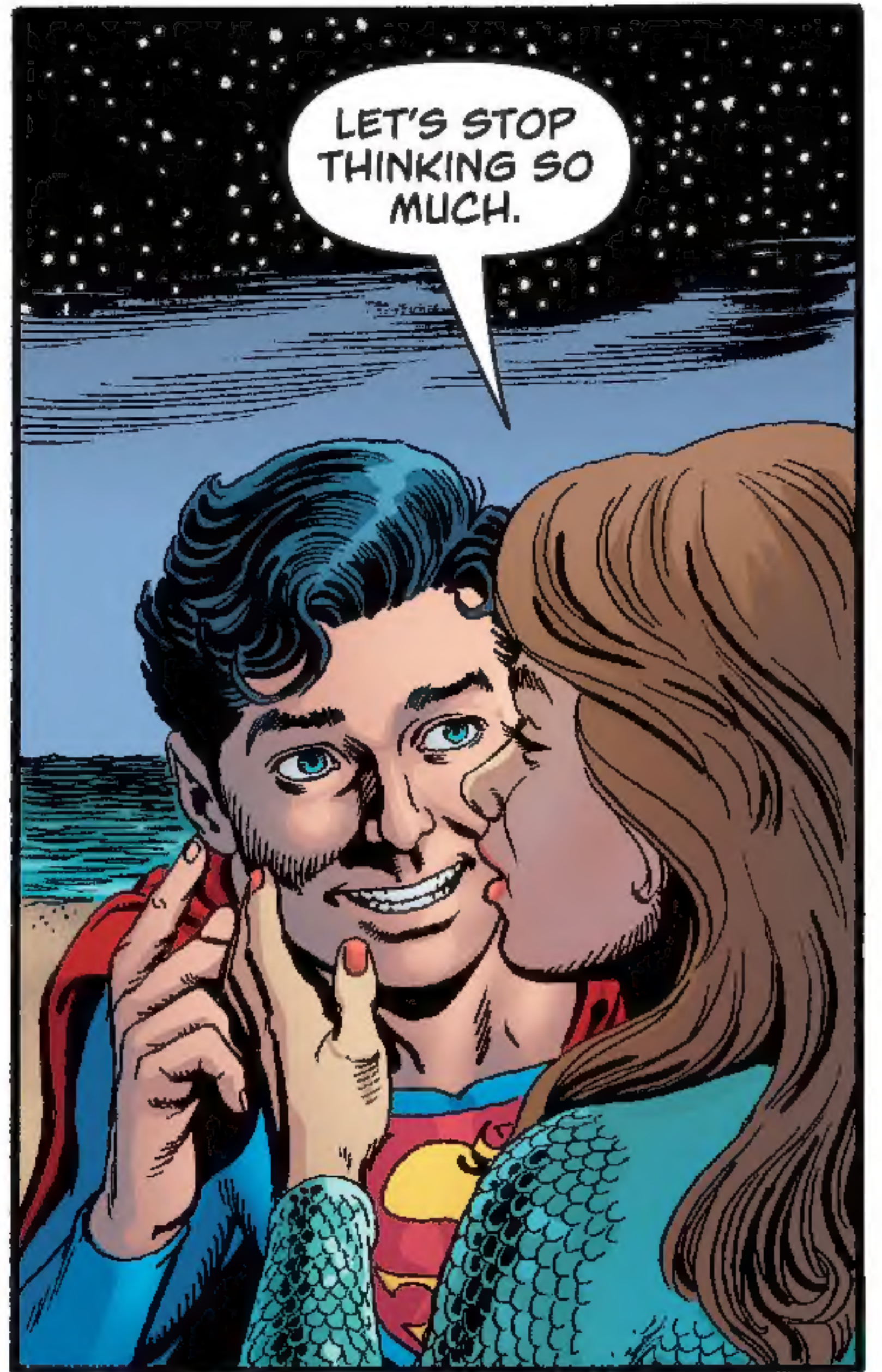
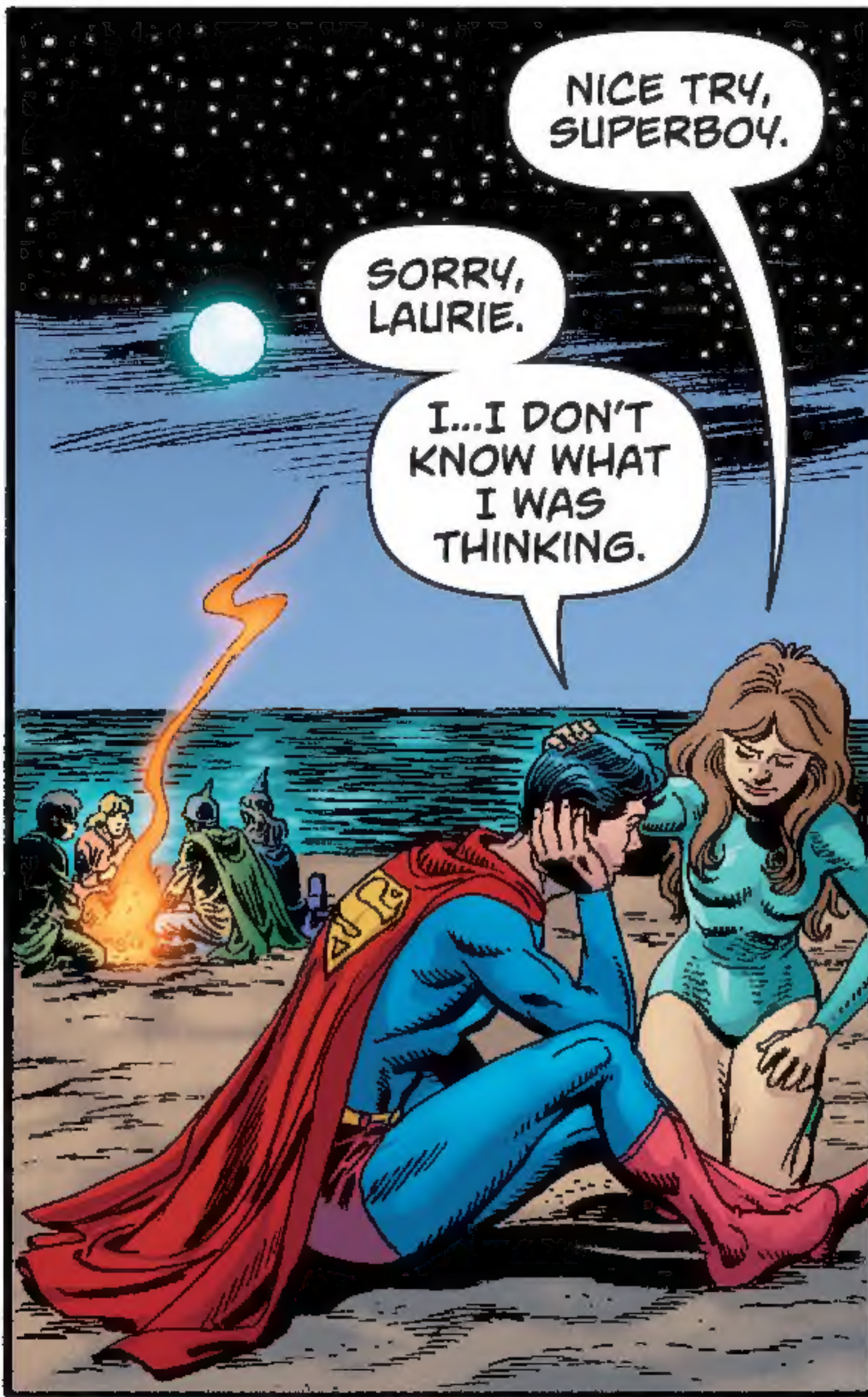
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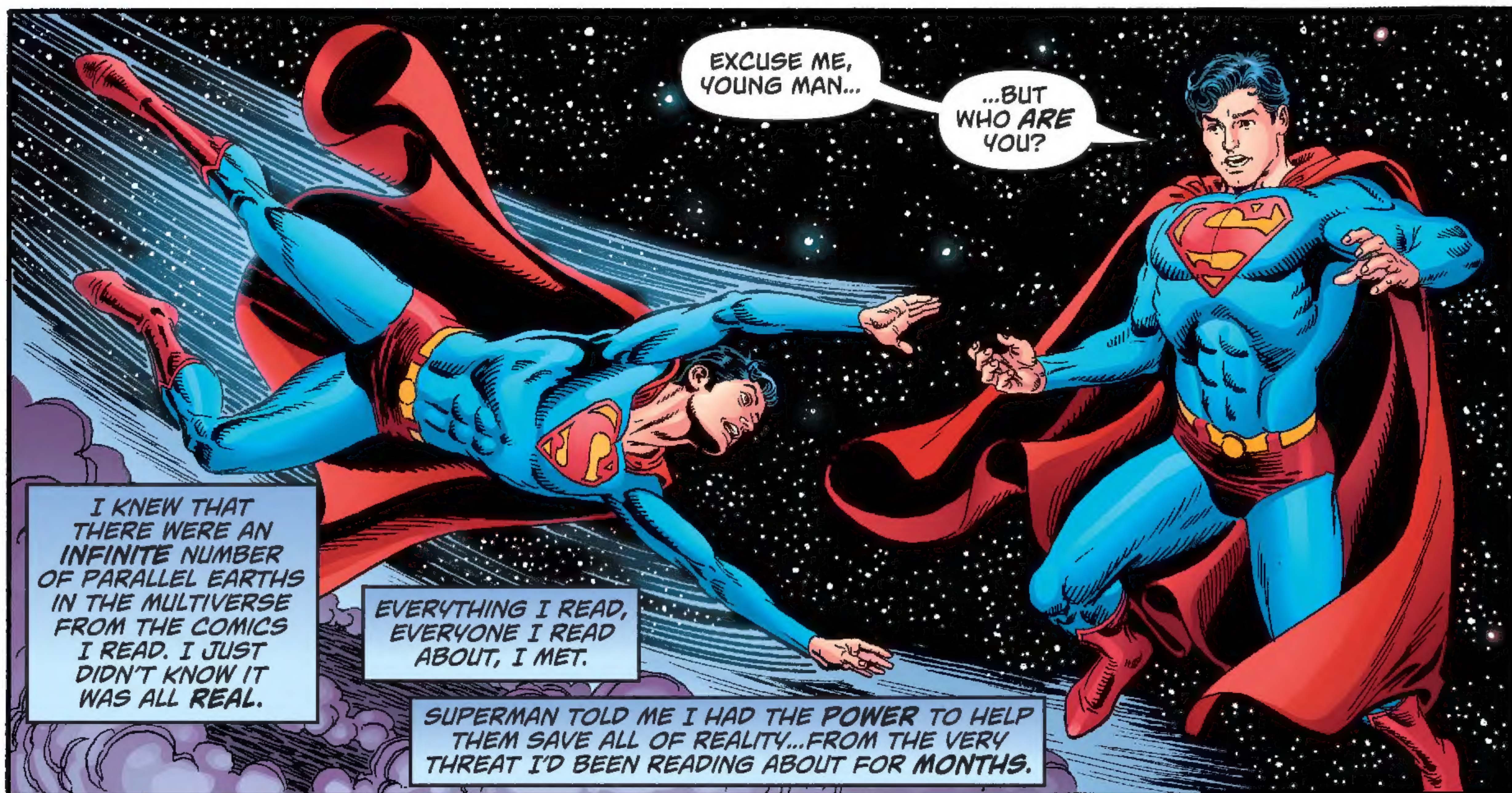












EXCUSE ME, YOUNG MAN...

...BUT WHO ARE YOU?

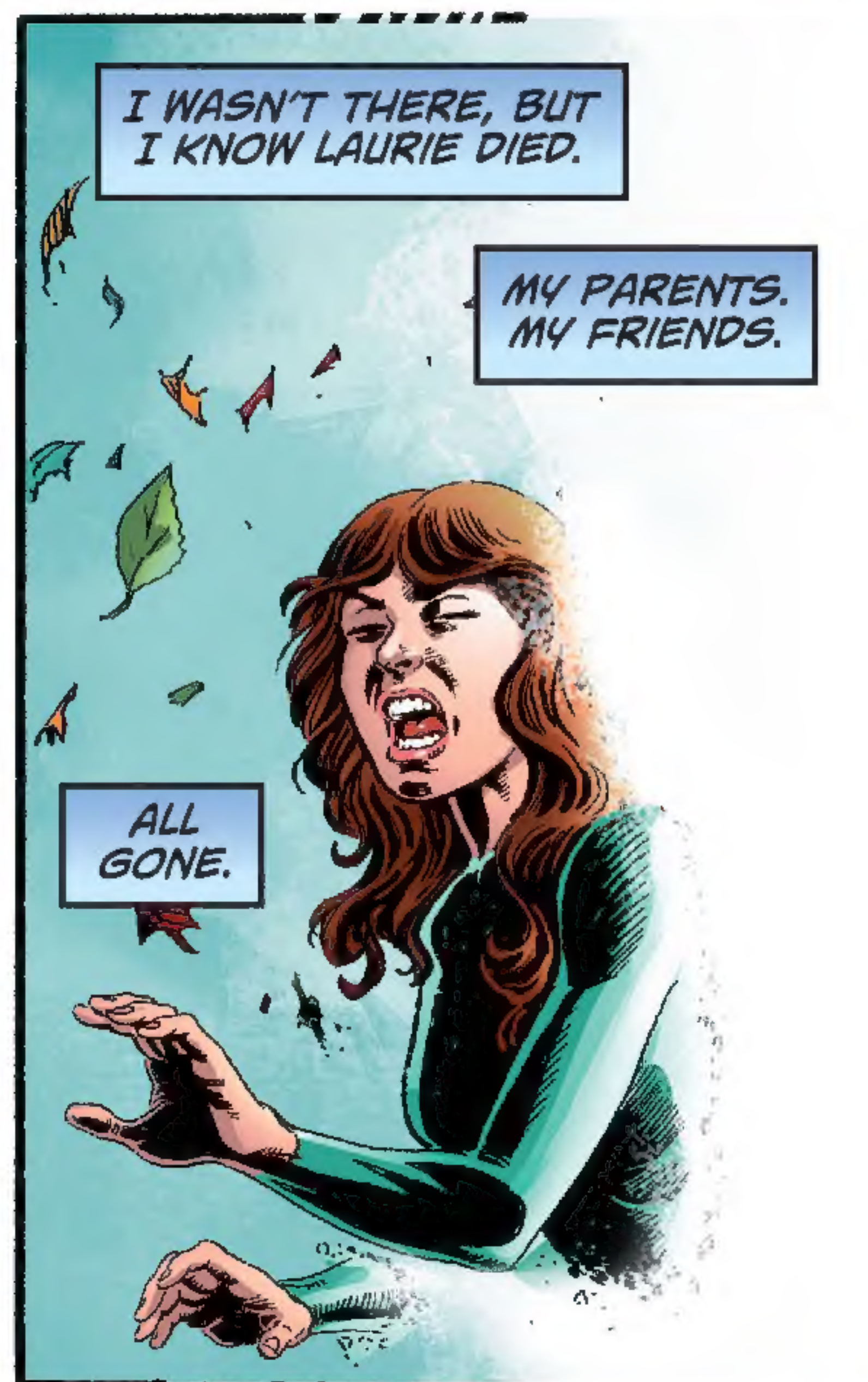
I KNEW THAT THERE WERE AN INFINITE NUMBER OF PARALLEL EARTHS IN THE MULTIVERSE FROM THE COMICS I READ. I JUST DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS ALL REAL.

EVERYTHING I READ, EVERYONE I READ ABOUT, I MET.

SUPERMAN TOLD ME I HAD THE POWER TO HELP THEM SAVE ALL OF REALITY...FROM THE VERY THREAT I'D BEEN READING ABOUT FOR MONTHS.



WE FOUGHT AS THE MULTIVERSE WAS COLLAPSED INTO A SINGLE UNIVERSE.



I WASN'T THERE, BUT I KNOW LAURIE DIED.

MY PARENTS. MY FRIENDS.

ALL GONE.



I TRIED REALLY HARD TO ACCEPT IT...

...BUT WHEN THERE WAS A CHANCE TO BRING LAURIE AND EVERYONE BACK YEARS LATER...

...I HAD TO TRY.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I'M NOT A BAD GUY!

GET... GET OFF ME.

I WAS IN SUCH PAIN...



...I LASHED OUT.

GET OFF!

AND I BECAME A MONSTER.

WHICH
LEADS ME
TO NOW.

THEY CALL ME
SUPERBOY-
PRIME.

SOME LAME BATMAN WANNABE
IS DOING WHAT A BUNCH OF
OTHER VILLAINS HAVE ALREADY
TRIED TO DO FOR SOME
REASON..."REMAKE THE ENTIRE
MULTIVERSE IN THEIR VISION."

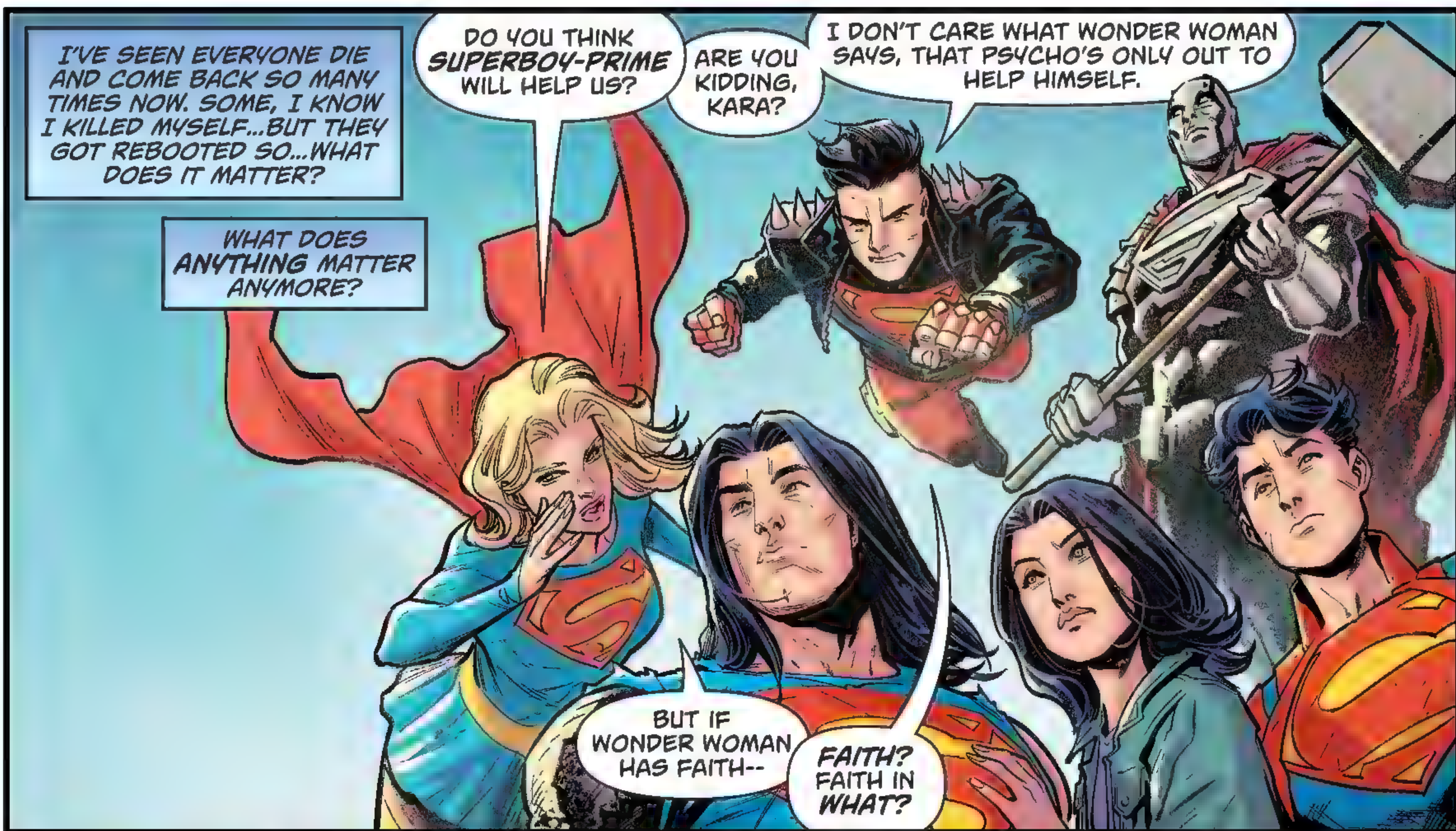
I FEEL LIKE I'VE ALREADY
READ THIS STORY, BUT
I UNDERSTOOD IT BETTER.

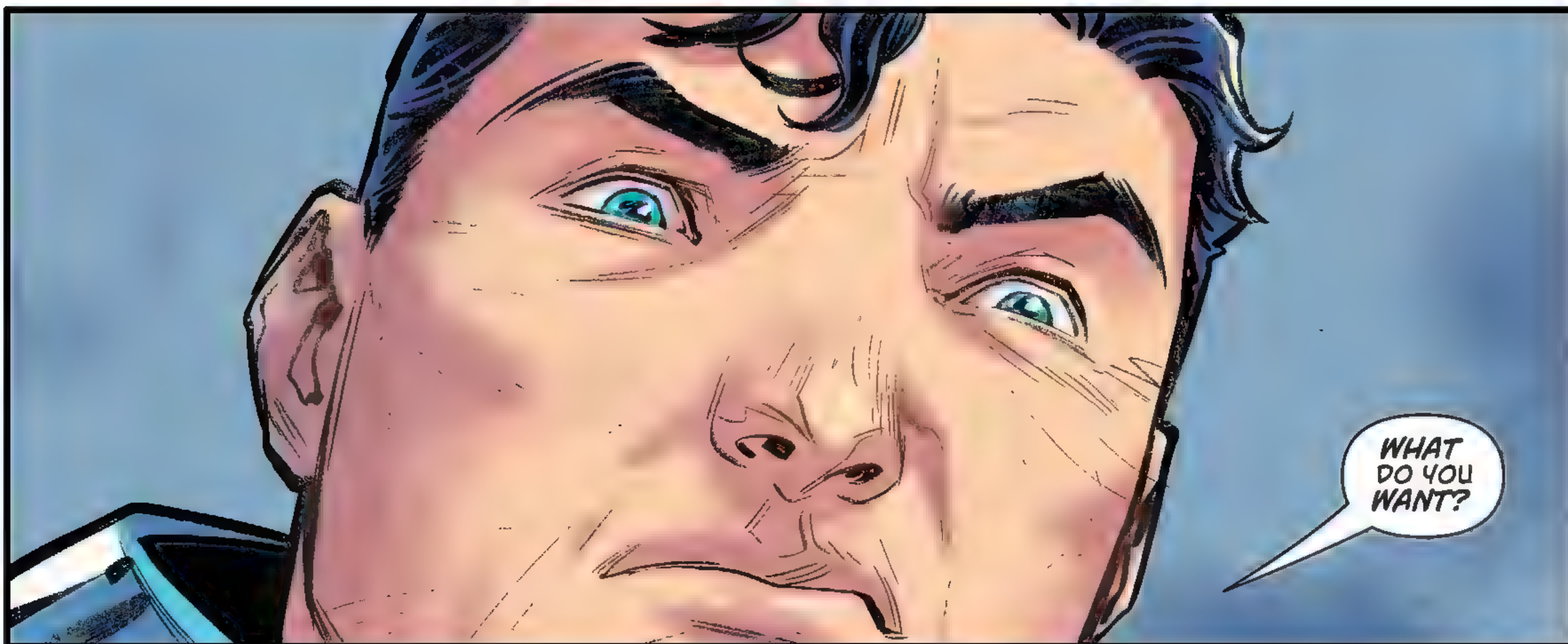
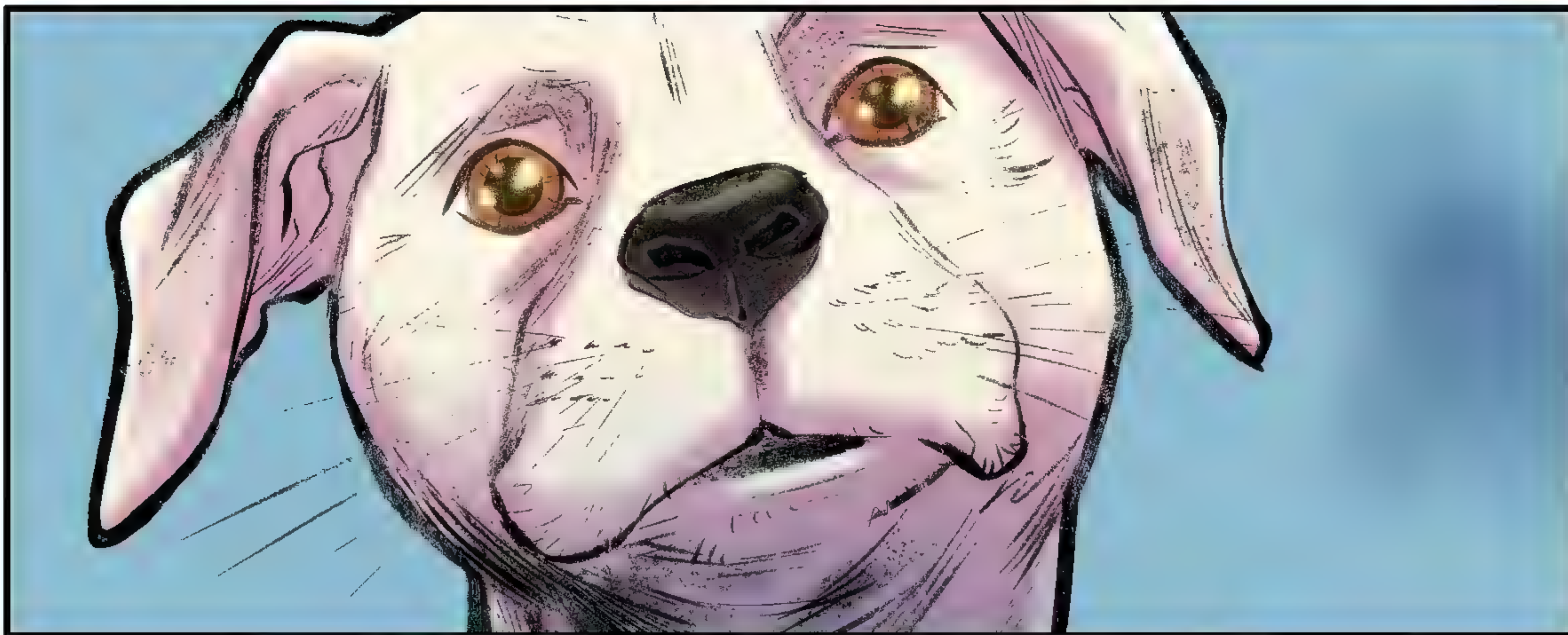
EVERYTHING IN THE
UNIVERSE IS TURNED
UPSIDE DOWN AND
JUMBLED LIKE A
GREATEST AND
WORST HITS ALBUM.

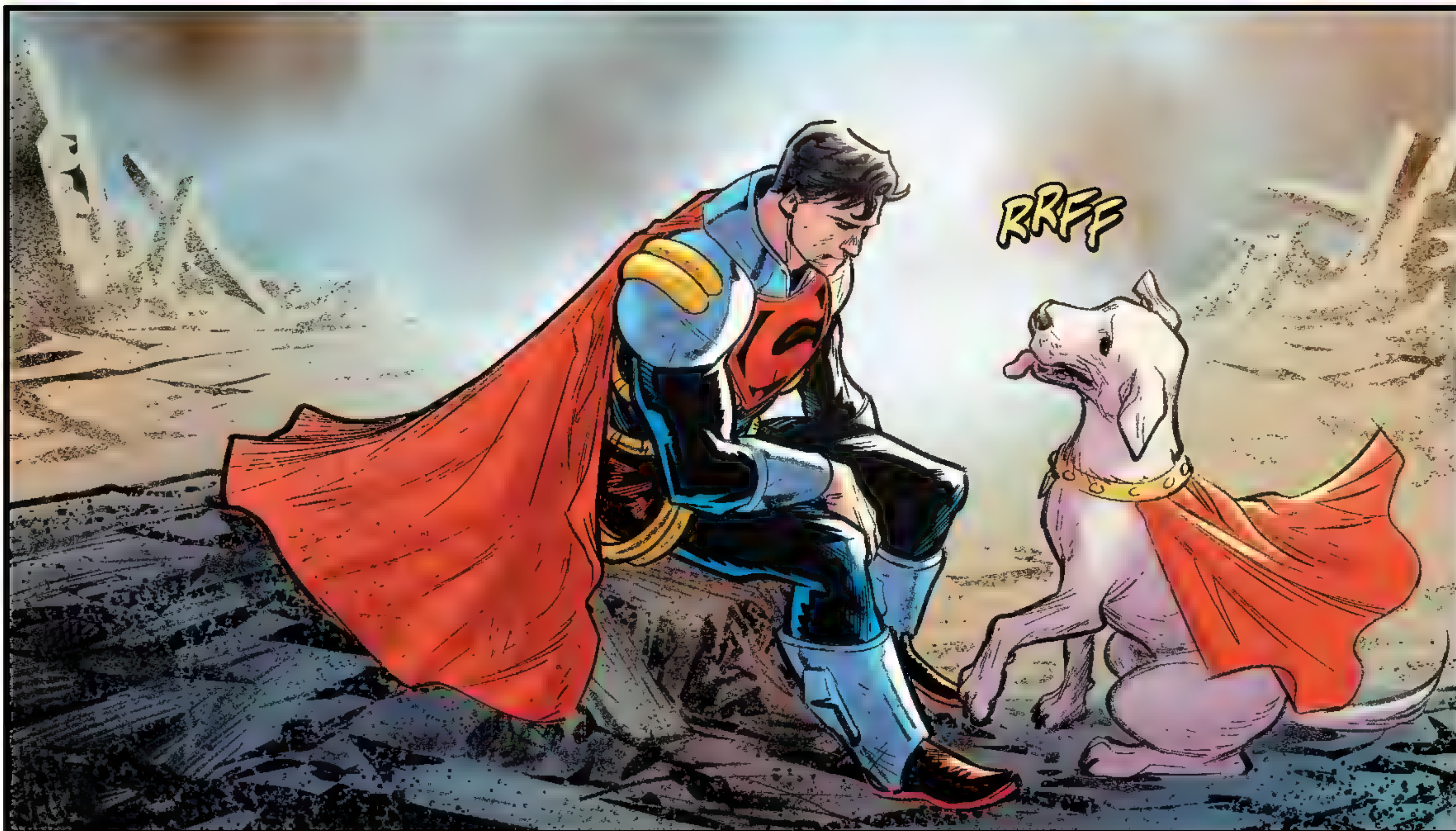
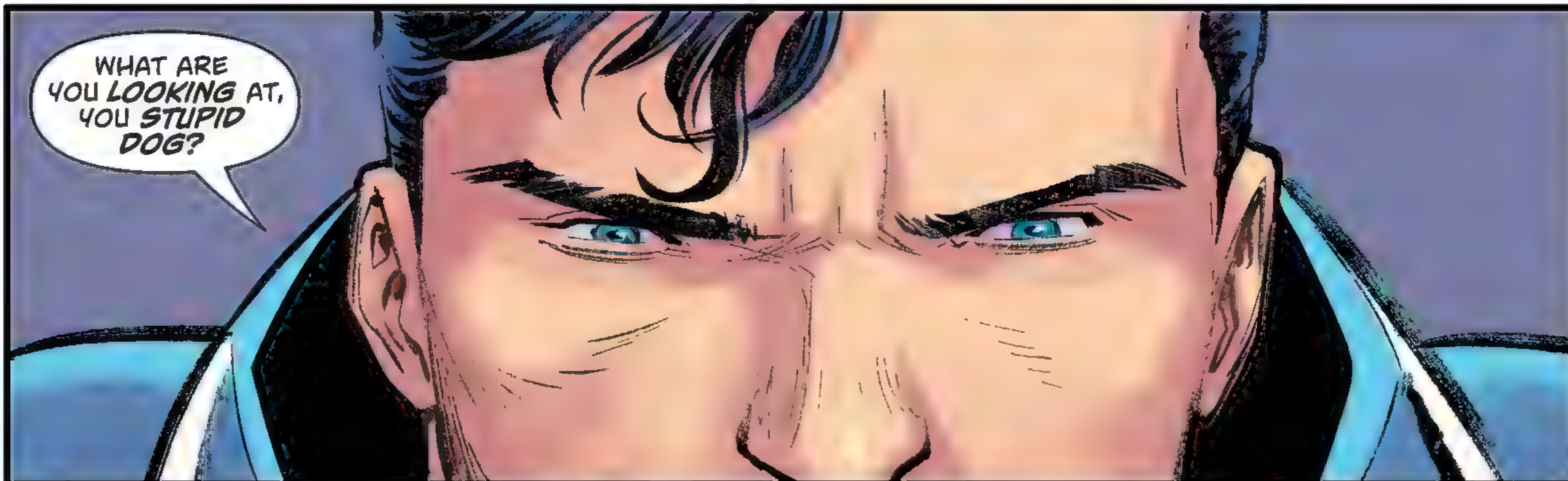
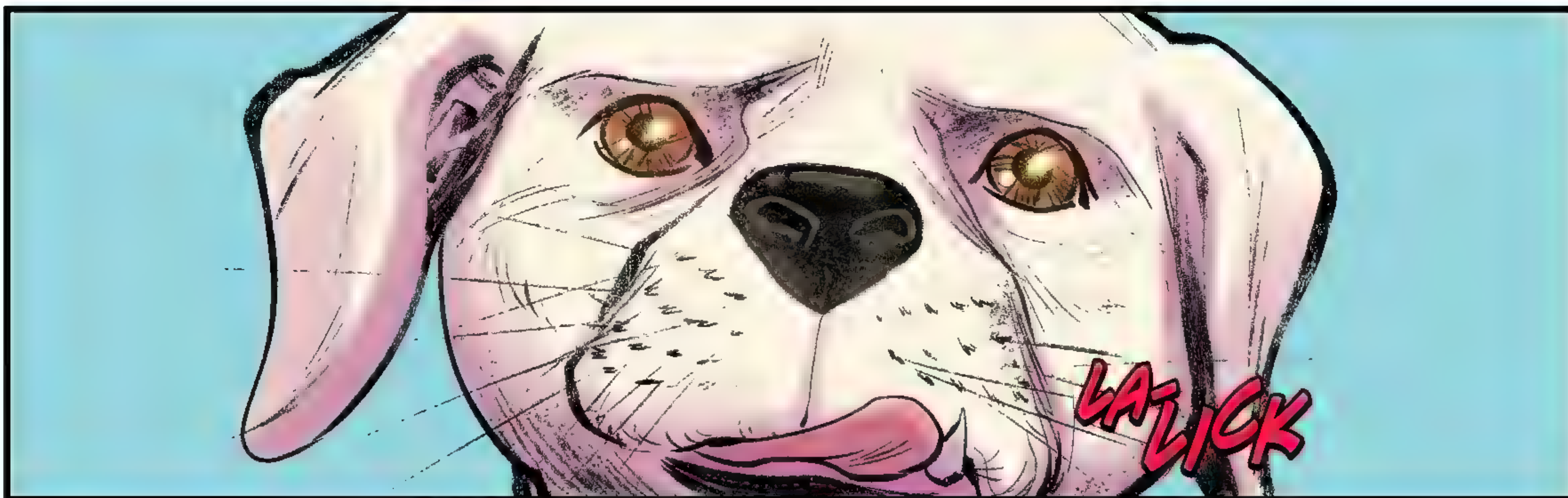
I CAN'T FIGURE
OUT WHAT'S
GOING ON.

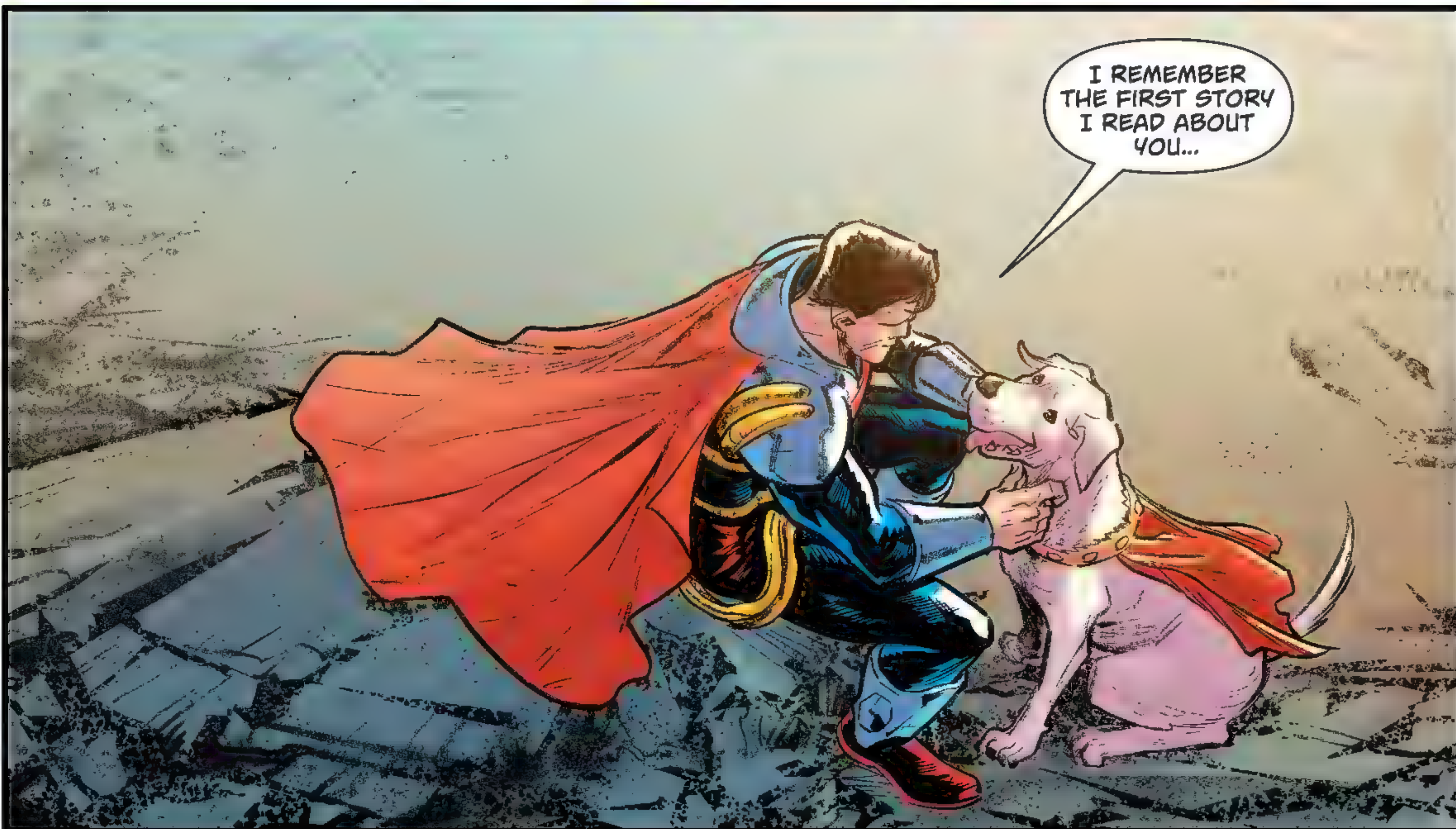
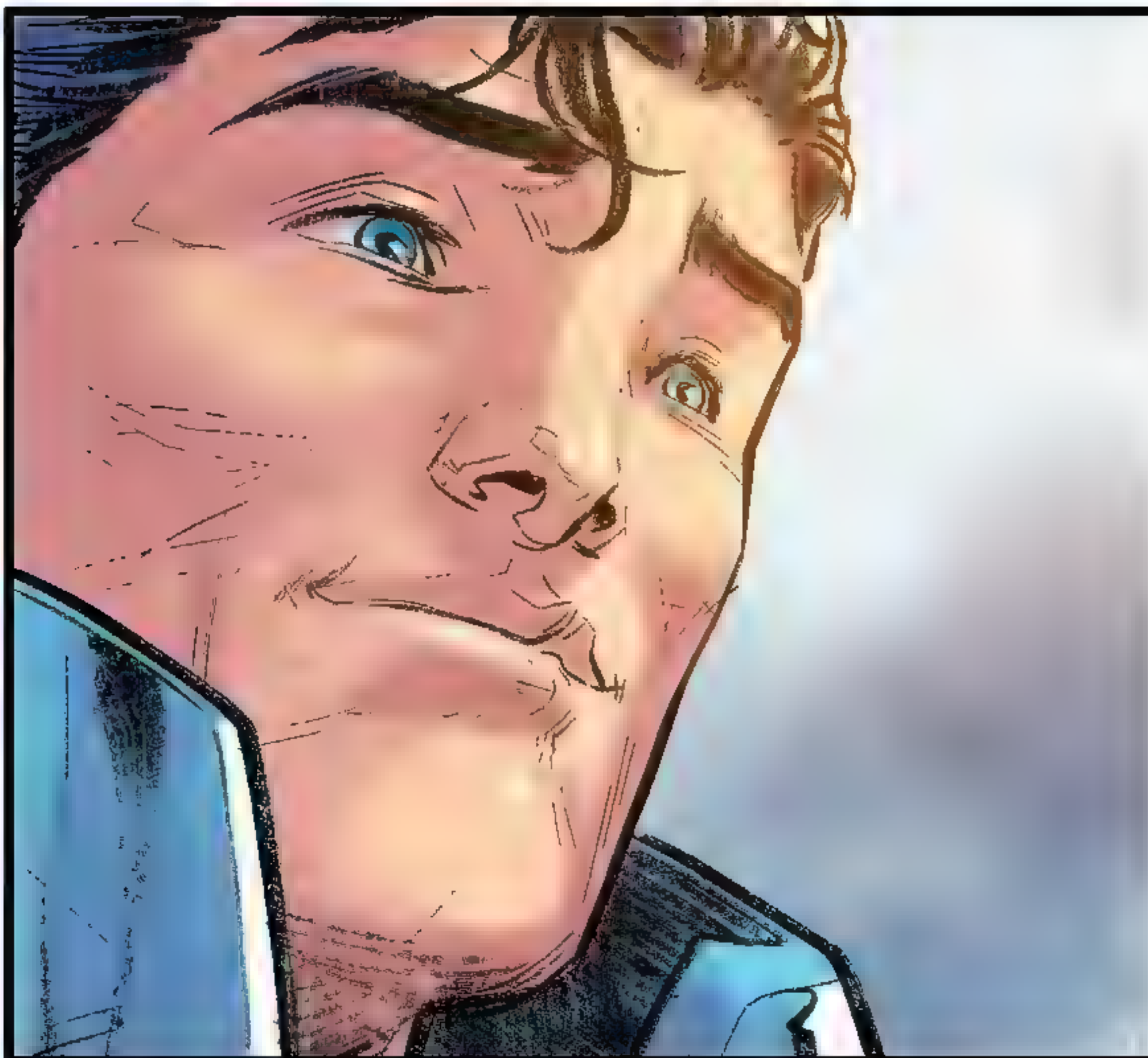
AND THE WORST
PART ABOUT IT
ALL IS...I DON'T
CARE ANYMORE.

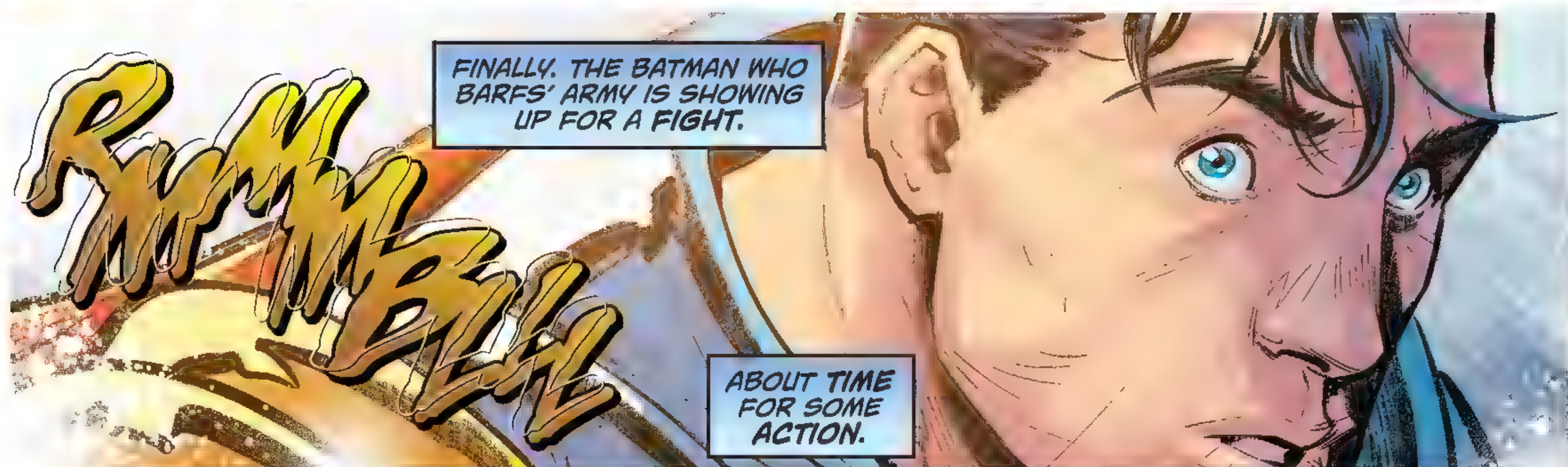
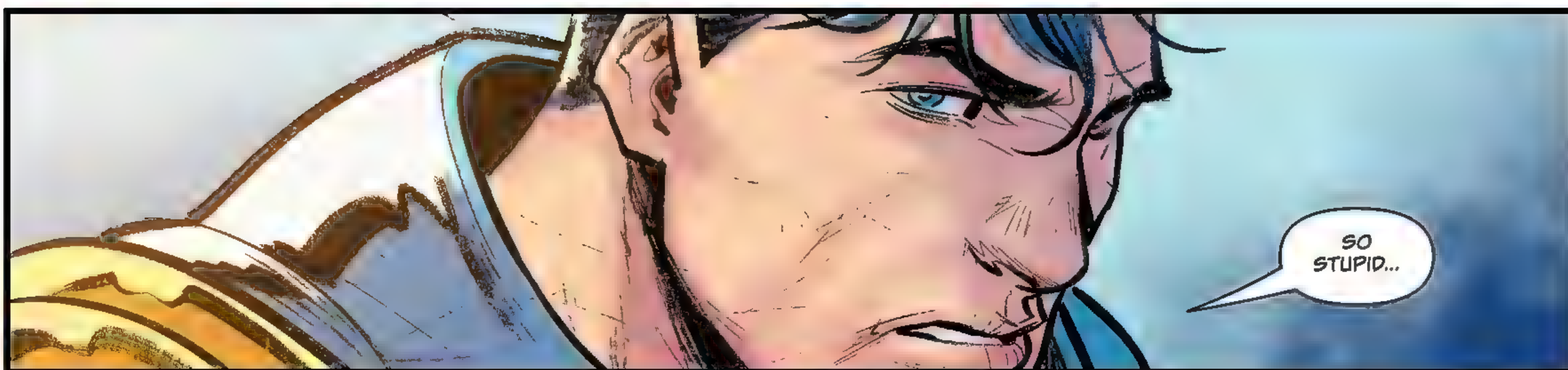
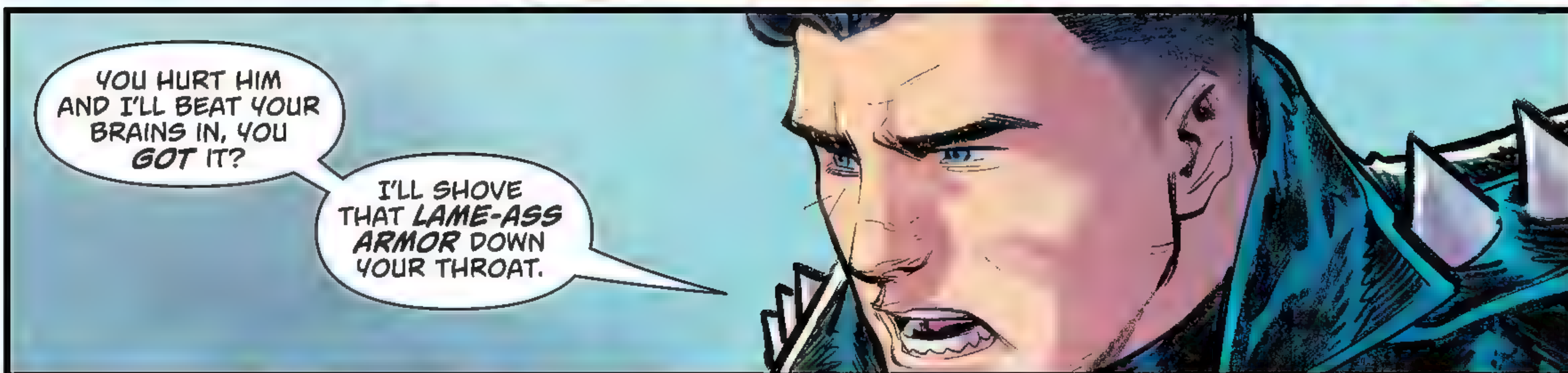












THIS BATMAN GOD CREATED 52 WORLDS,
FILLED WITH A BUNCH OF OTHER WORLD
SUPERMEN DESIGNED TO DESTROY US.

WHAT THEY DON'T REALIZE
IS THAT I'M NOT ONLY
ONE OF THOSE OTHER
WORLD SUPERMEN...

I'M THE MOST
DANGEROUS.

THE LAST TIME
SUPERMAN HAD LONG
HAIR, HE DIED.

I'D SAY MAYBE I'LL
GET LUCKY AGAIN, BUT
WHO ARE WE KIDDING?

EVEN IF SUPERMAN
DIES, HE ALWAYS
COMES BACK.

YOU FIGHT
WITH US, LEX,
OR--

WE'RE
WITH YOU.

BESIDES,
KILLING THESE
SUPERMEN WILL
BE GOOD
PRACTICE.

FOR OUR
CREATOR!

IT'S GOOD AND
BAD VERSUS
THE LAME.

KILL
THEM ALL!





AND YOU...
YOU DARE
STRIKE ME?!
SAINT OF THE
CHURCH OF THE
LAST SUN?!

Uhh!

HE DOES
WHAT THEY
ALL DO.
TAUNT.



HE TELLS ME THAT I'M BENEATH
HIM. THAT ON THE WORLD HE'S
FROM, IT'S MILLIONS OF YEARS
IN THE FUTURE OR WHATEVER.

AND IN THAT FUTURE,
EVERYONE FIGHTING
HERE TODAY HAS A
PLACE IN THE HISTORY
BOOKS. KARA. JON.
EVEN LEX.



WHOLE CHAPTERS OF GREAT, EPIC
STORIES STARRING EACH OF THEM. "YOU,"
HE SAYS, "YOU'RE BARELY A FOOTNOTE."

"A PETULANT CHILD WHO CRACKED
THE UNIVERSE IN A TANTRUM,
BARELY HEARD FROM AGAIN."



BUT HIS WORLD
DOESN'T MATTER.

HE
DOESN'T.

AND THEN...
SOMETHING
HAPPENS...

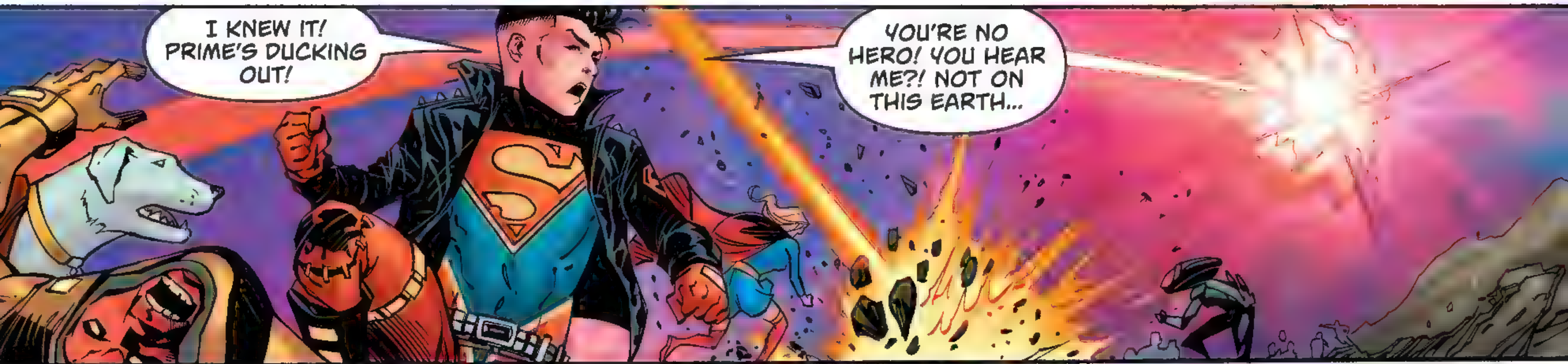
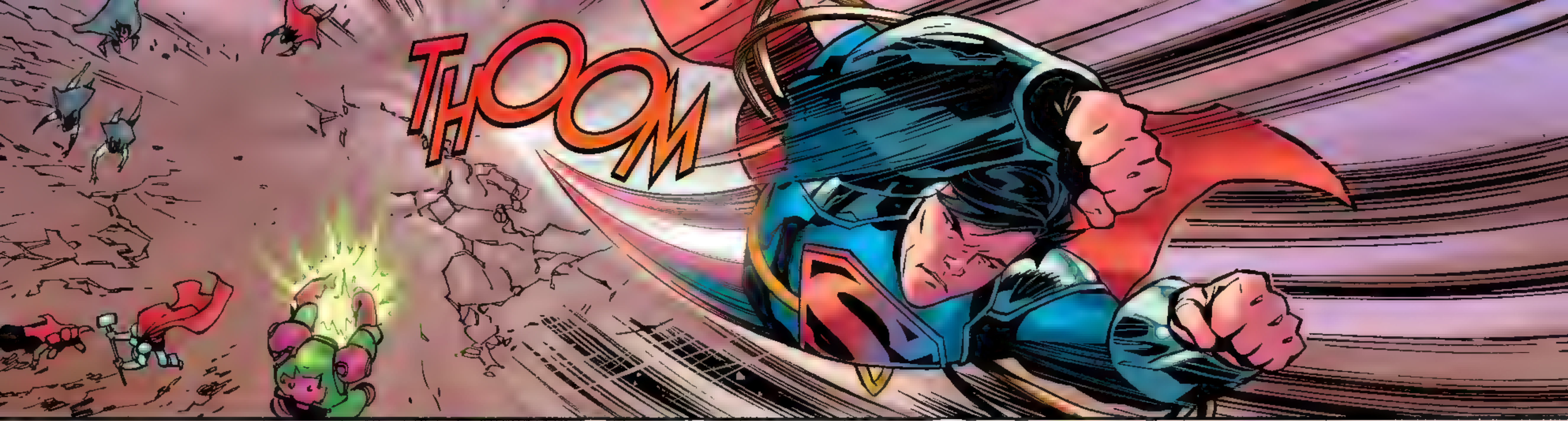


WHAT
THE...?!

...WHEN I HIT THIS IMAGINARY
STORIES REJECT I SEE THE
WORLD HE'S FROM...CHANGE.

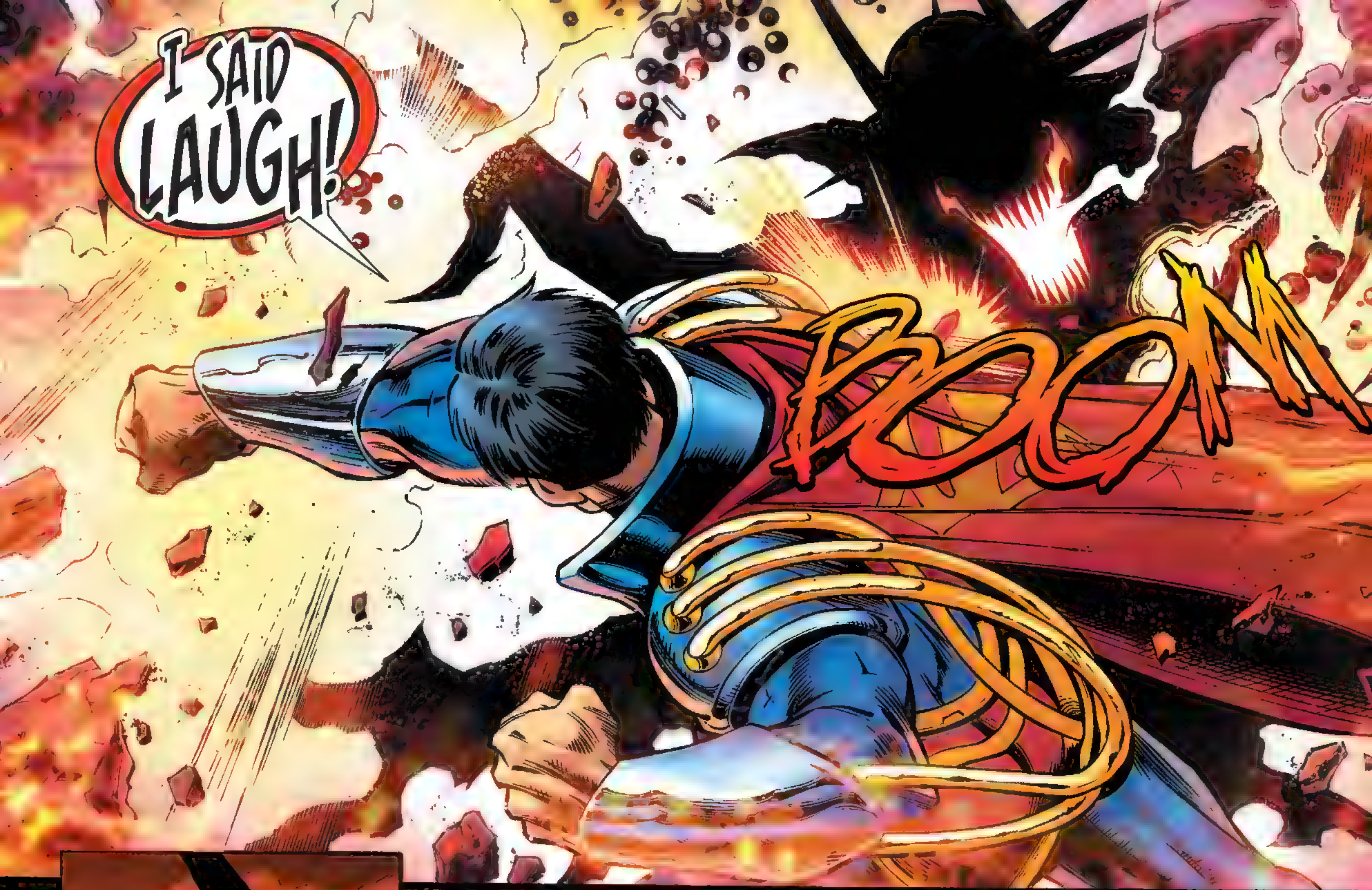
WHY?

WHAT DID
I JUST DO?









I SAID
LAUGH!

BOOM



AW, I'D NEVER
LAUGH AT YOU, BOY.
WHAT I MEANT BY
FUNNY, IS... WE'RE NOT
THAT DIFFERENT,
YOU AND ME.



NOT THAT
DIFFERENT?
HECK, YES,
WE ARE.

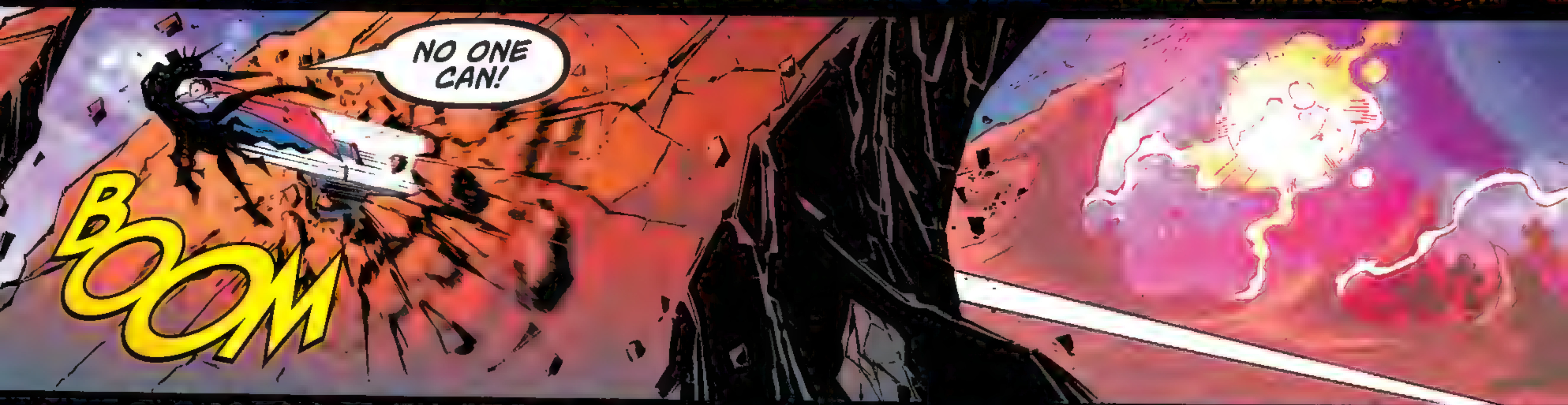
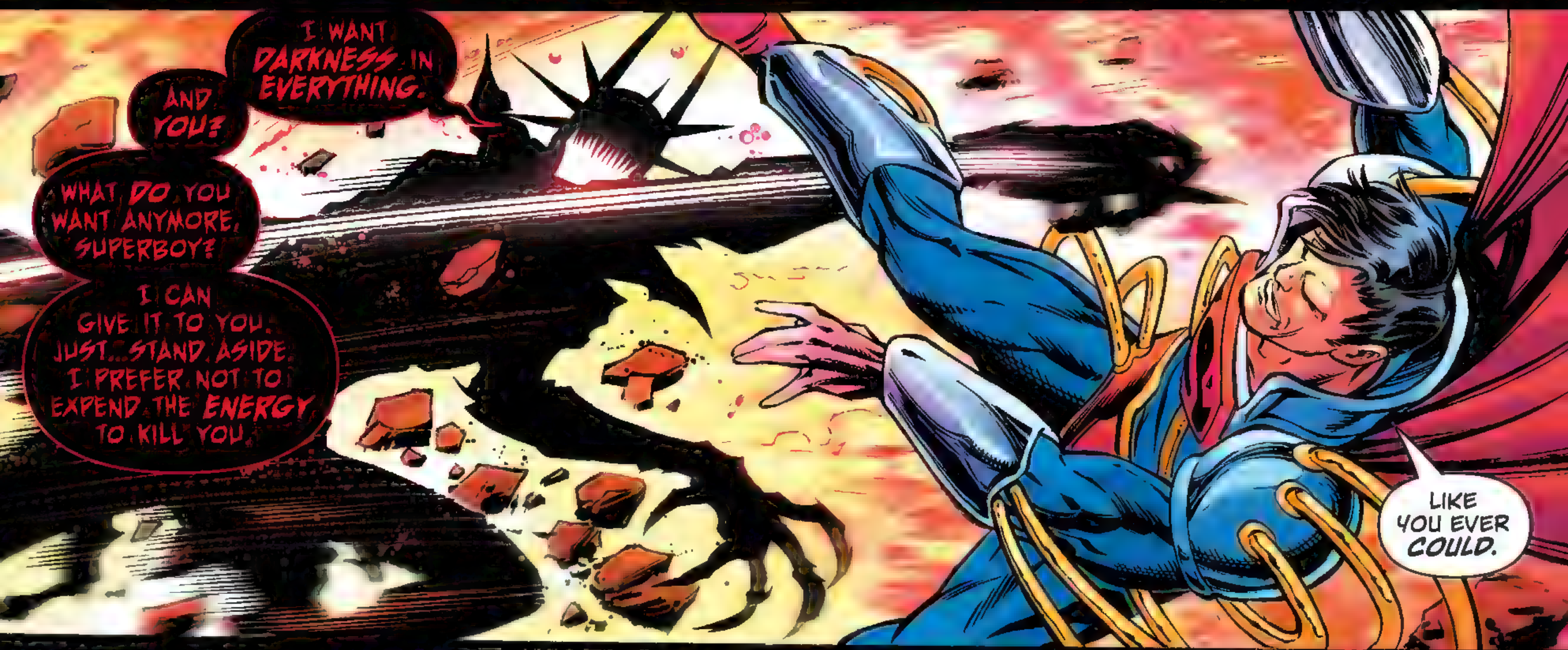
I TRIED
TO DO THE
RIGHT
THING!



BUT YOU JUST
WANT TO TURN
EVERYTHING
EVIL!

NO, I ONLY
WANT TO HELP
IT EVOLVE TO
WHERE IT NATURALLY
IS GOING
ALREADY.

LIKE
YOU.



I...I THINK
I'VE WON.

YEAH.
I BEAT YOUR
SORRY ASS.

AND THEN I FEEL
IT...HIS POWER.
RIGHT NOW...

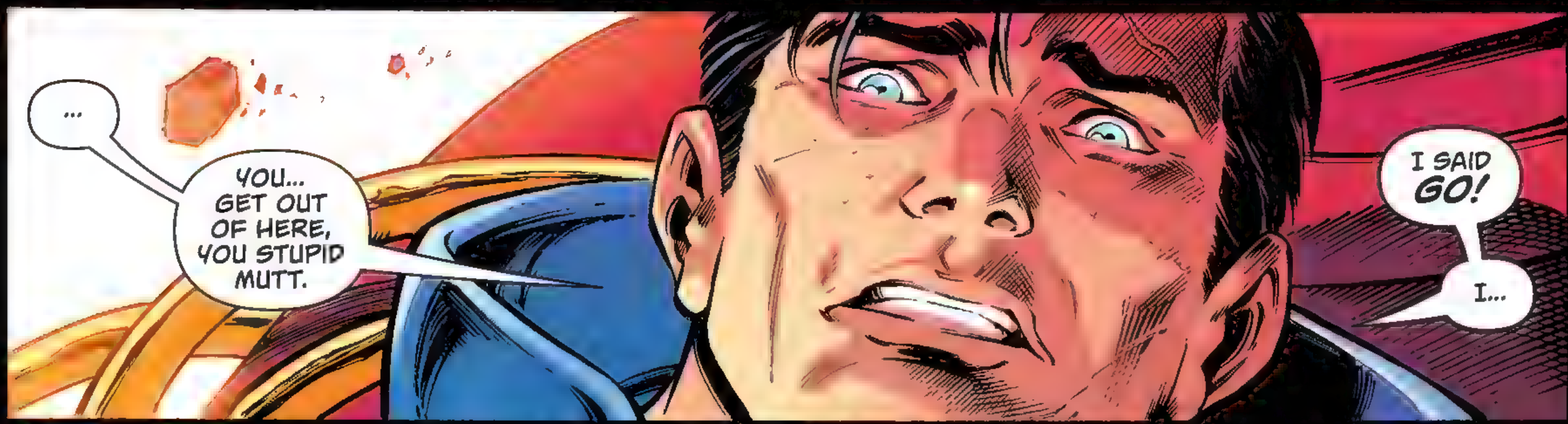
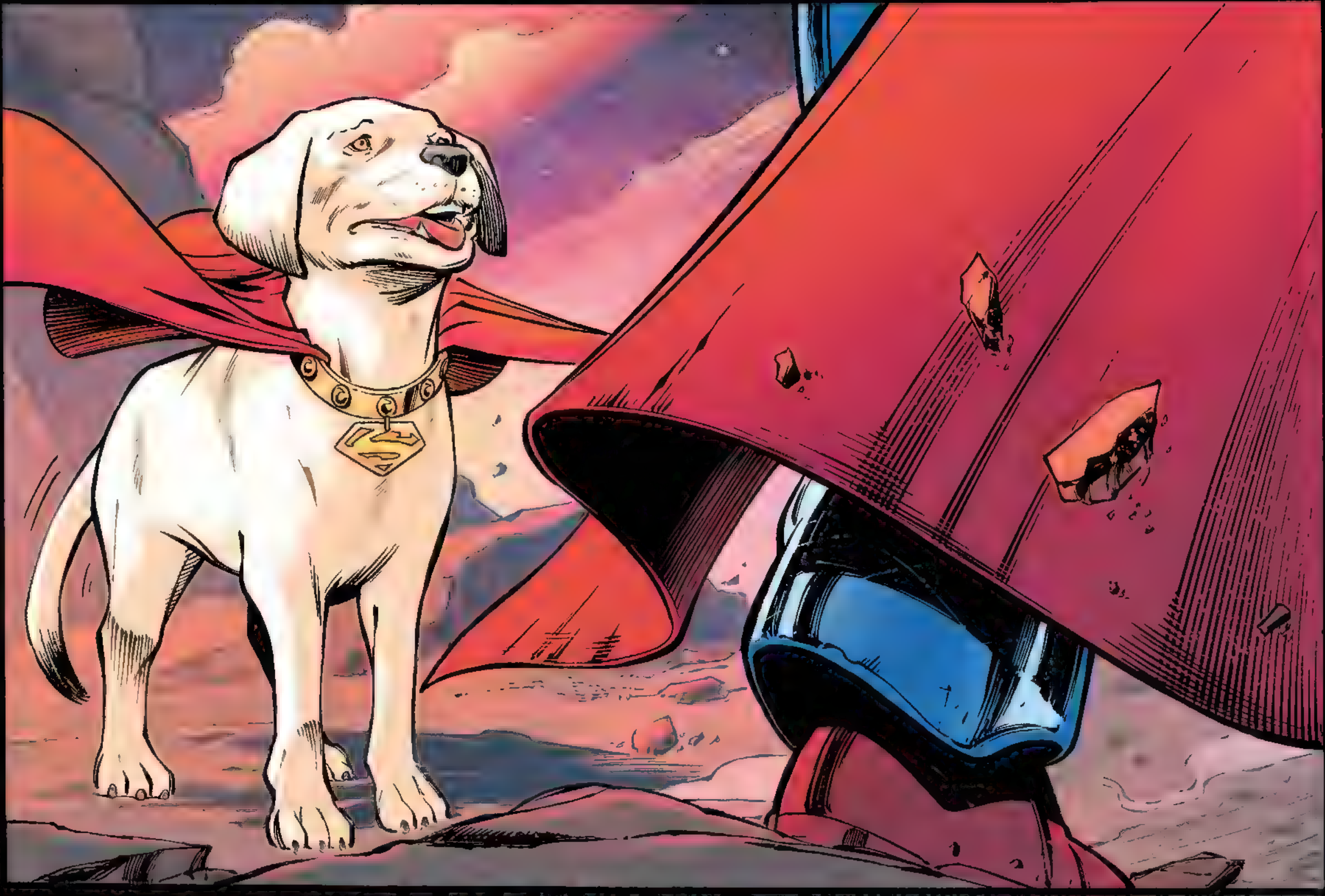
...IT CAN
BE MINE.

THE EARTH I SAW WITH ME AND
LAURIE. MY EARTH. I CAN DESTROY
WHAT'S LEFT OF THIS ONE AND
GET IT BACK AND...

NONE
OF THIS
MATTERS
ANYWAY.

RRF!

THEY ALL HATE ME.
SO I HATE BACK--



...

YOU...
GET OUT
OF HERE,
YOU STUPID
MUTT.

I SAID
GO!

I...



YOU CAN'T DESTROY
ME ANYMORE THAN I CAN
DESTROY YOU...

...SO LET
ME HELP
YOU.



NO.



YES!

I CAN GIVE YOU ONE WORLD TO BE YOURS.



LOOK AT THEM DOWN THERE...

...THEY AREN'T WORTH FIGHTING FOR NOW...



...JOIN MY ARMY OF SUPERMEN...

...AND I CAN GIVE YOU WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DESPERATE FOR, FOR SO VERY LONG.

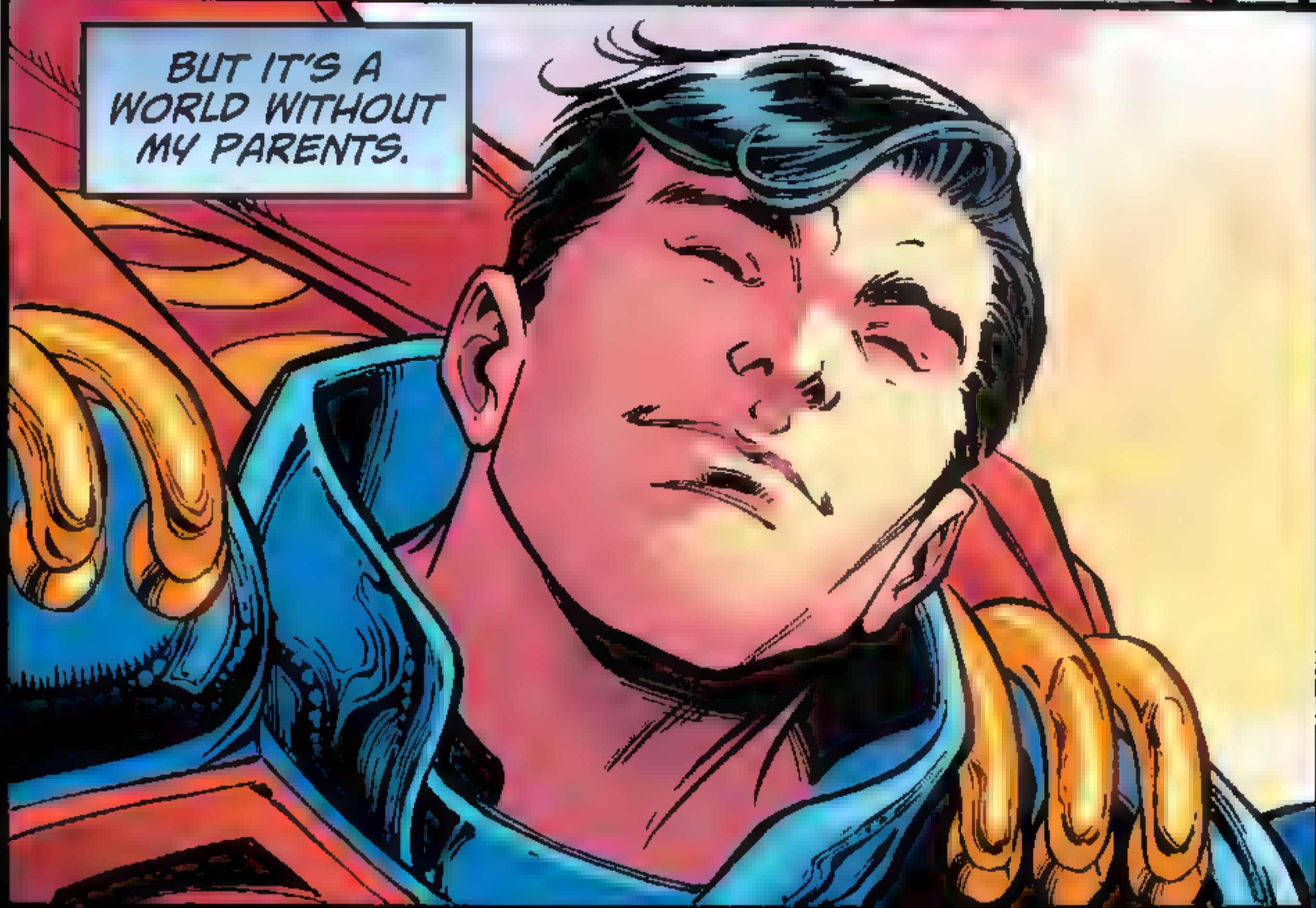


I WANT TO SAY YES.
AND I SEE A WORLD
WHERE I DO AND I'M
LOVED BY EVERYONE.
I'M ACCEPTED.

I BECOME
A HERO
AGAIN.

THE KIND OF
HERO I ALWAYS
HOPED TO BE...

...BUT
WASN'T.



BUT IT'S A
WORLD WITHOUT
MY PARENTS.



WITHOUT
LAURIE.



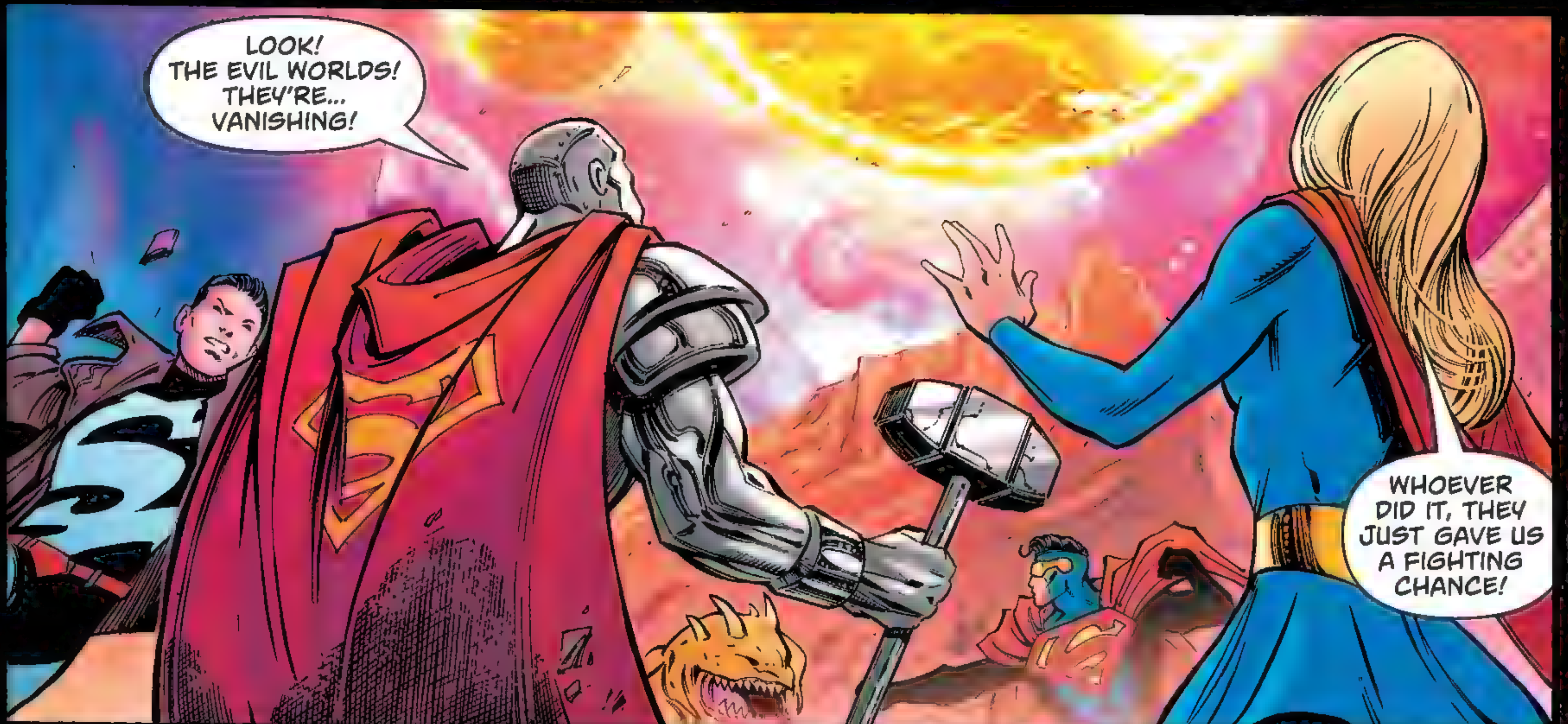
I TELL KRYPTO TO
GO...AND THEN
I CLOSE MY HAND...

...ONE LAST
TIME...

NO!

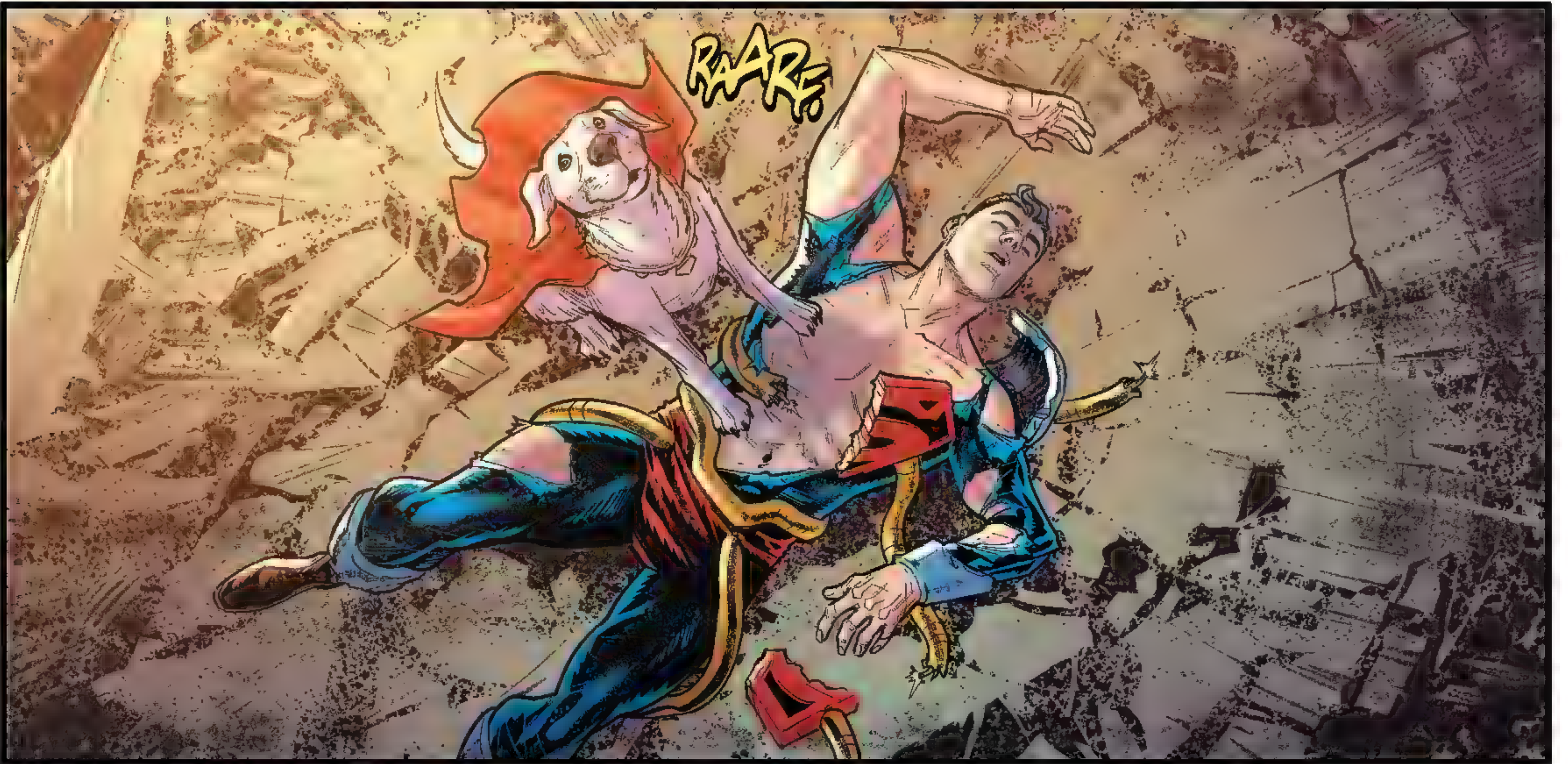
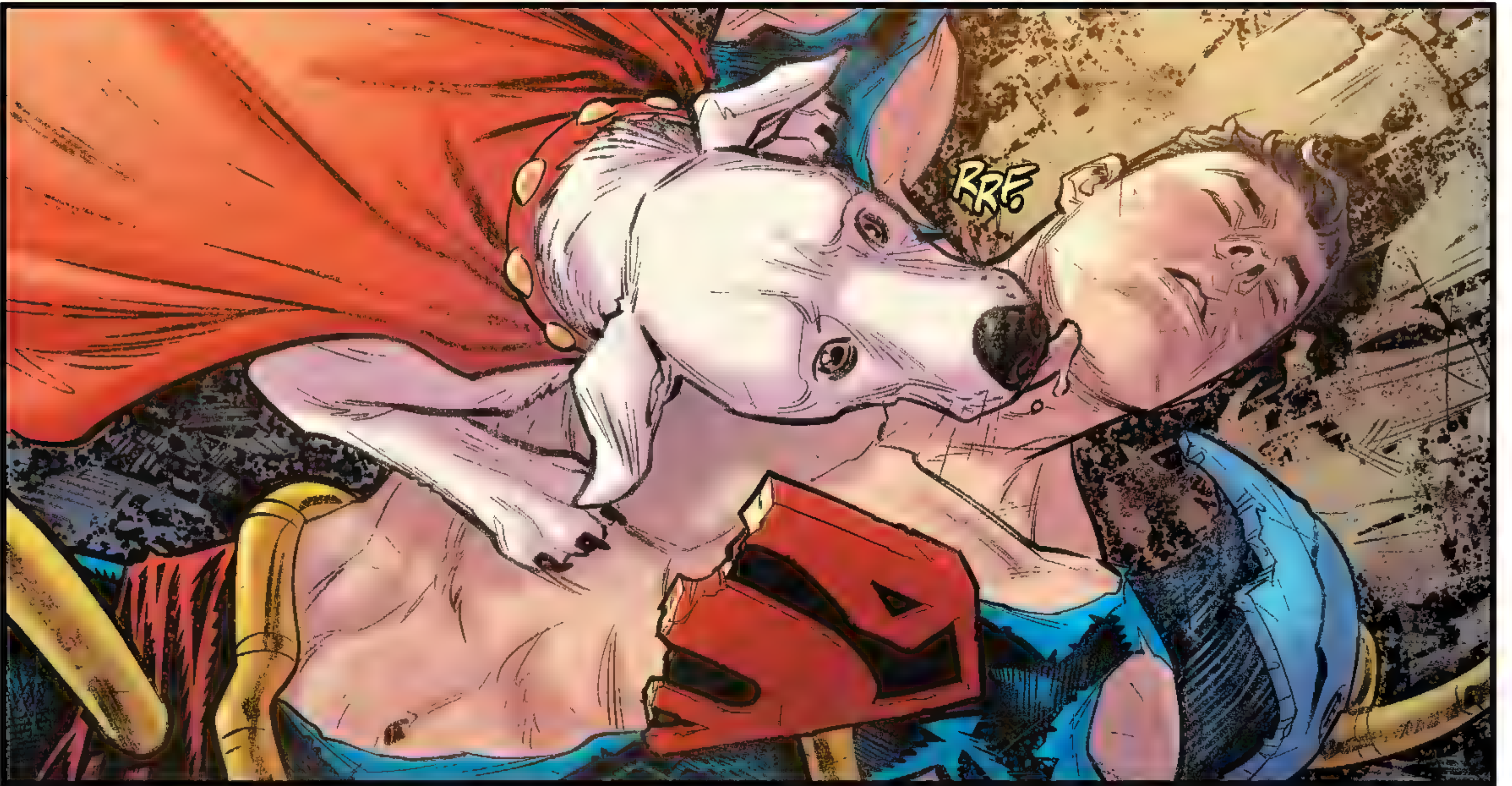
...AND I LET MY
DREAMS GO...

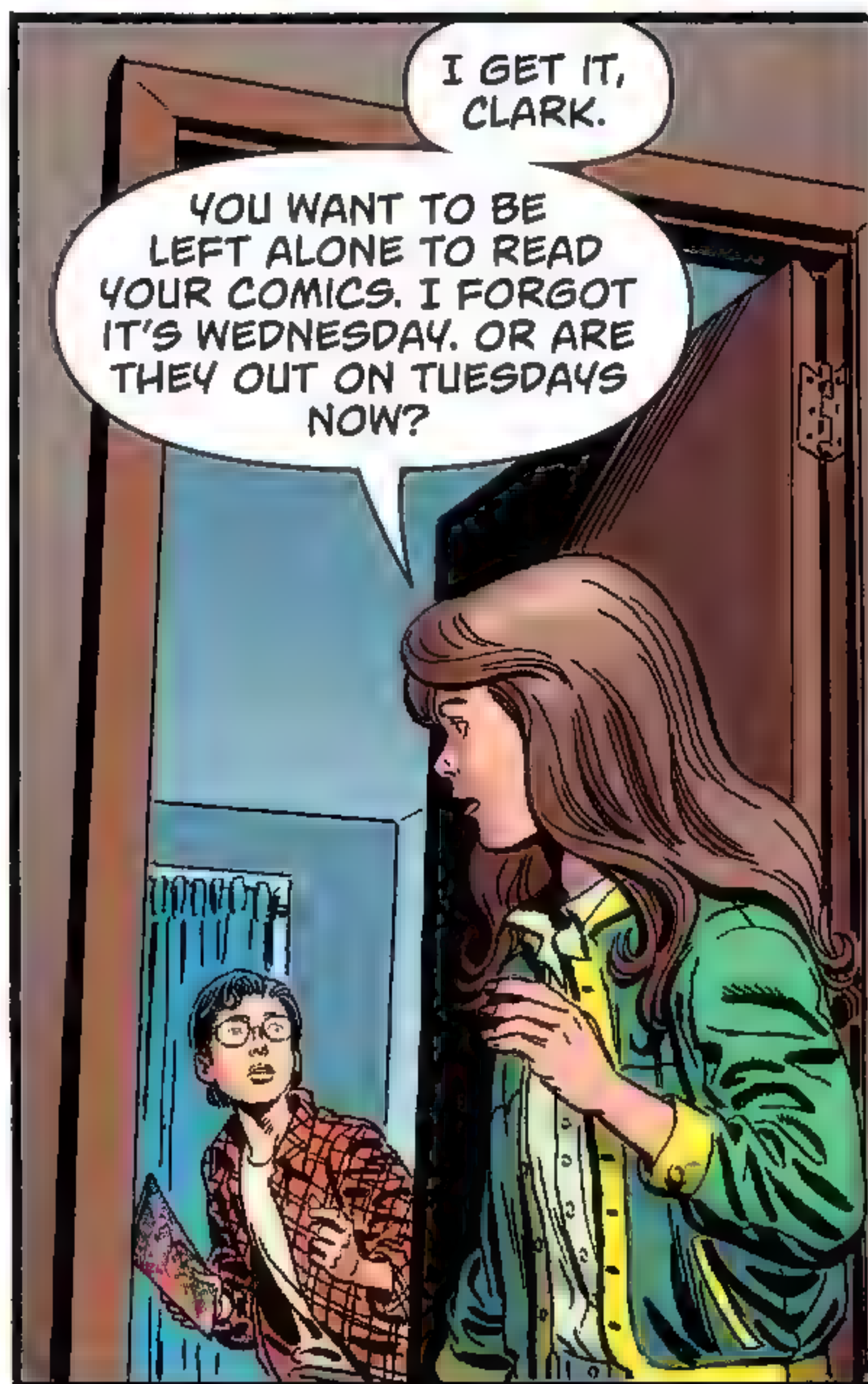
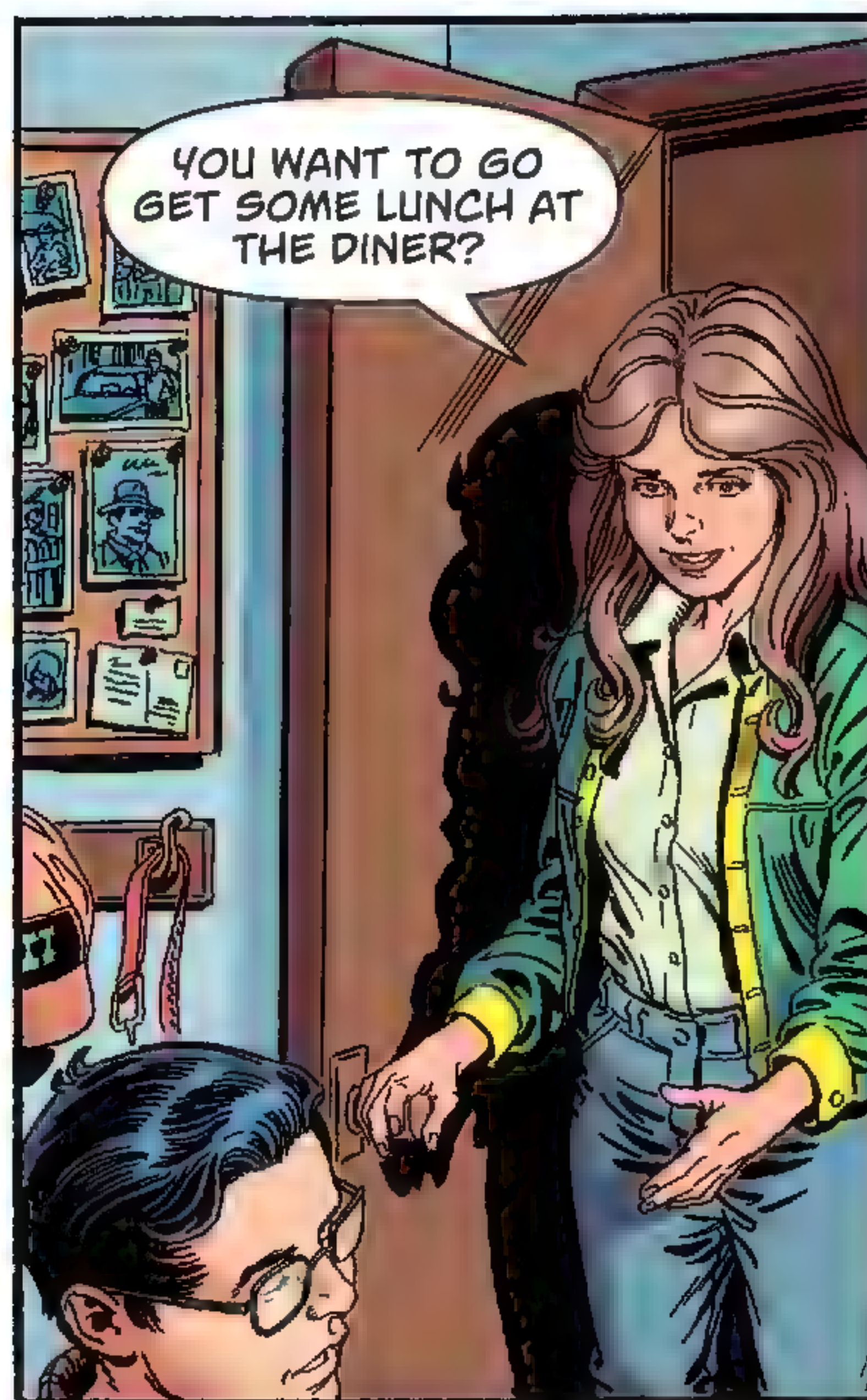
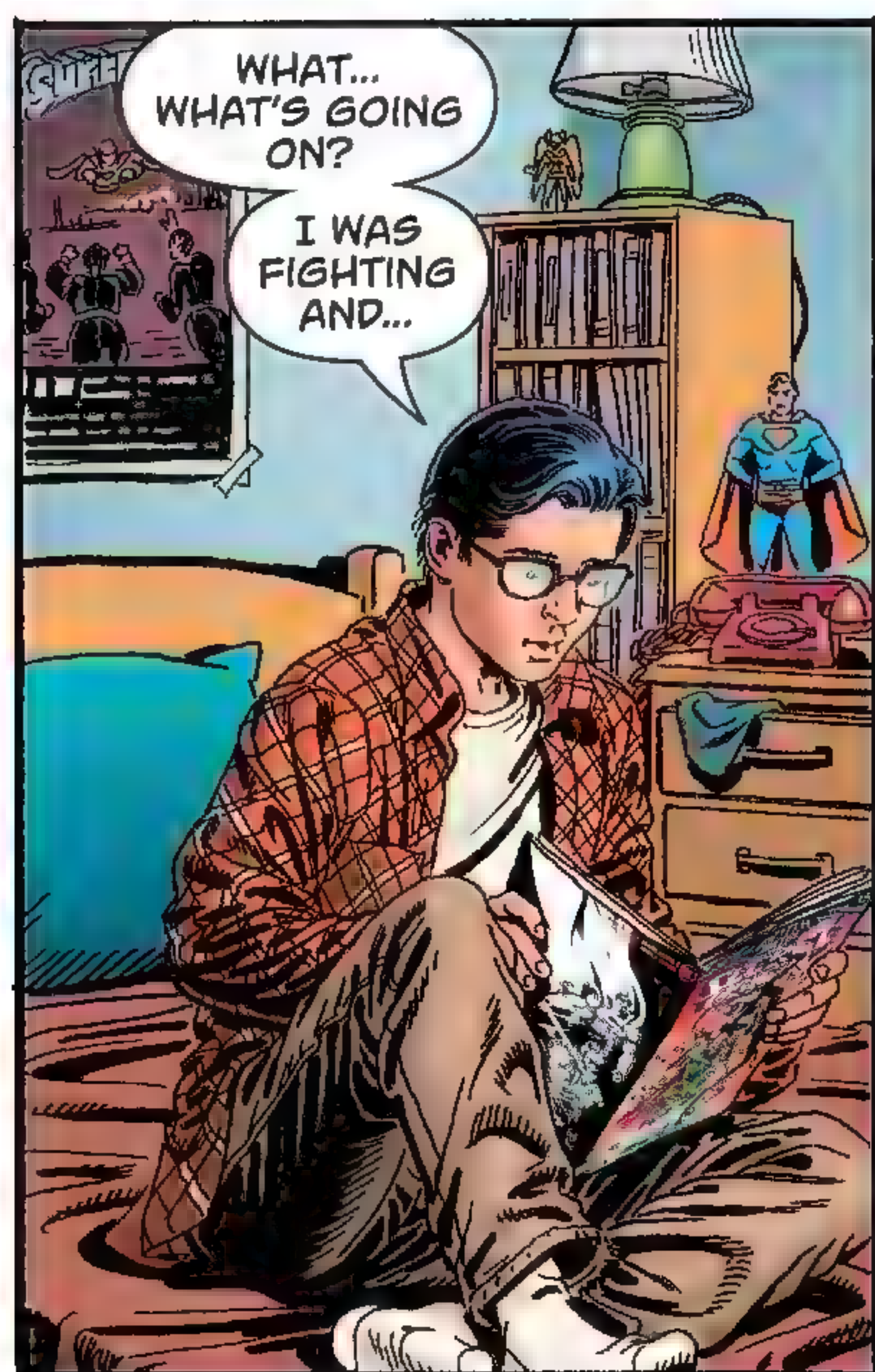
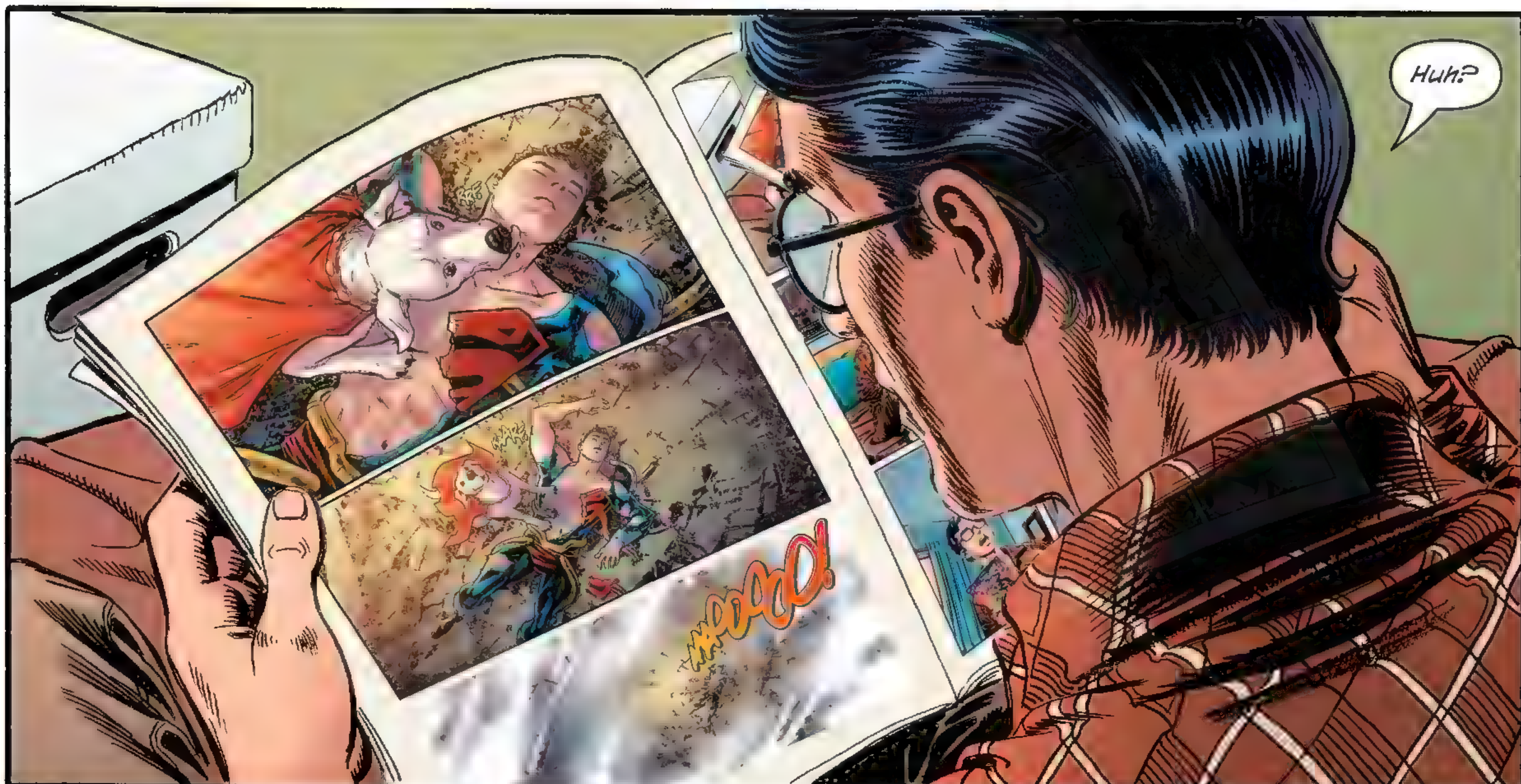


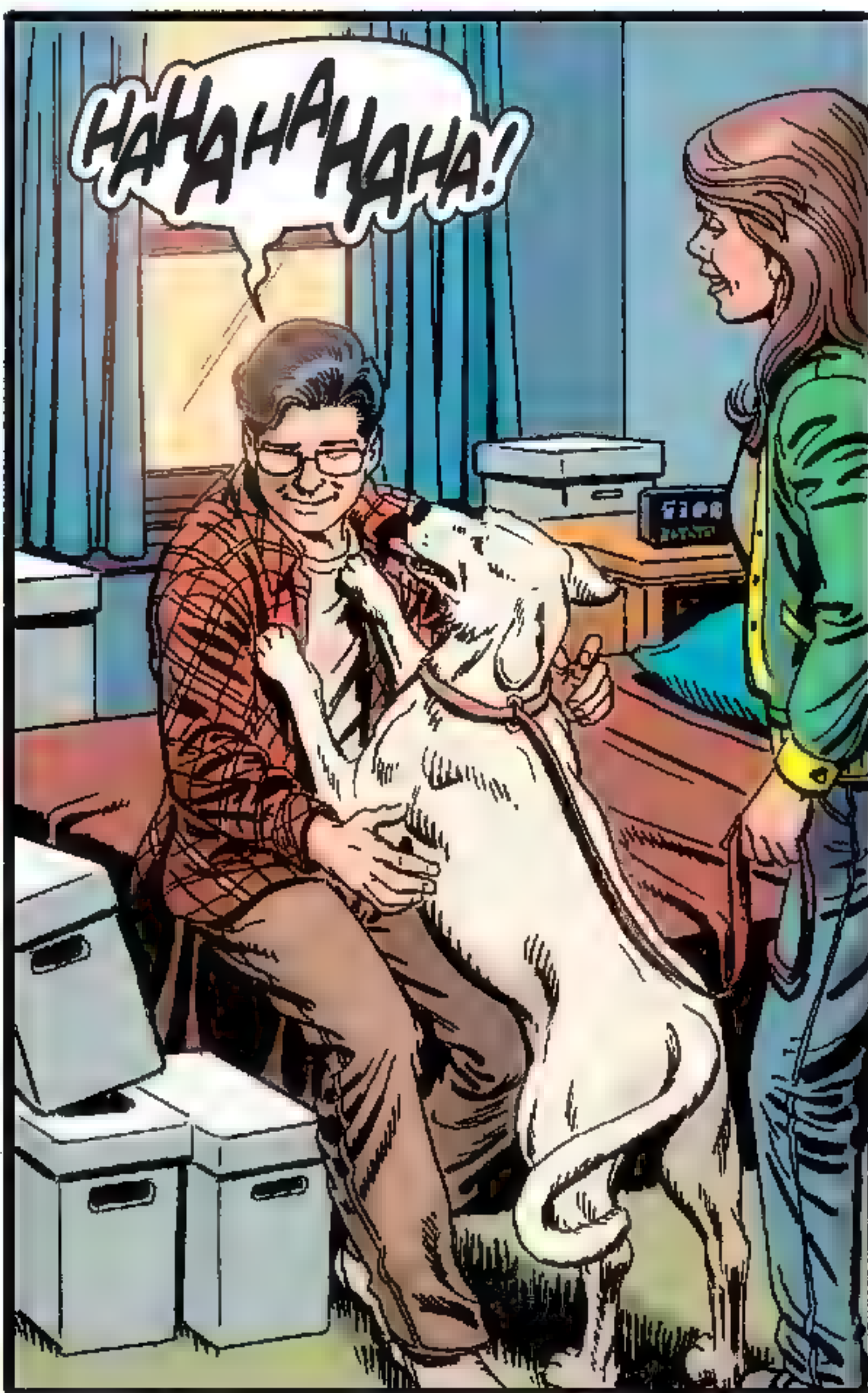
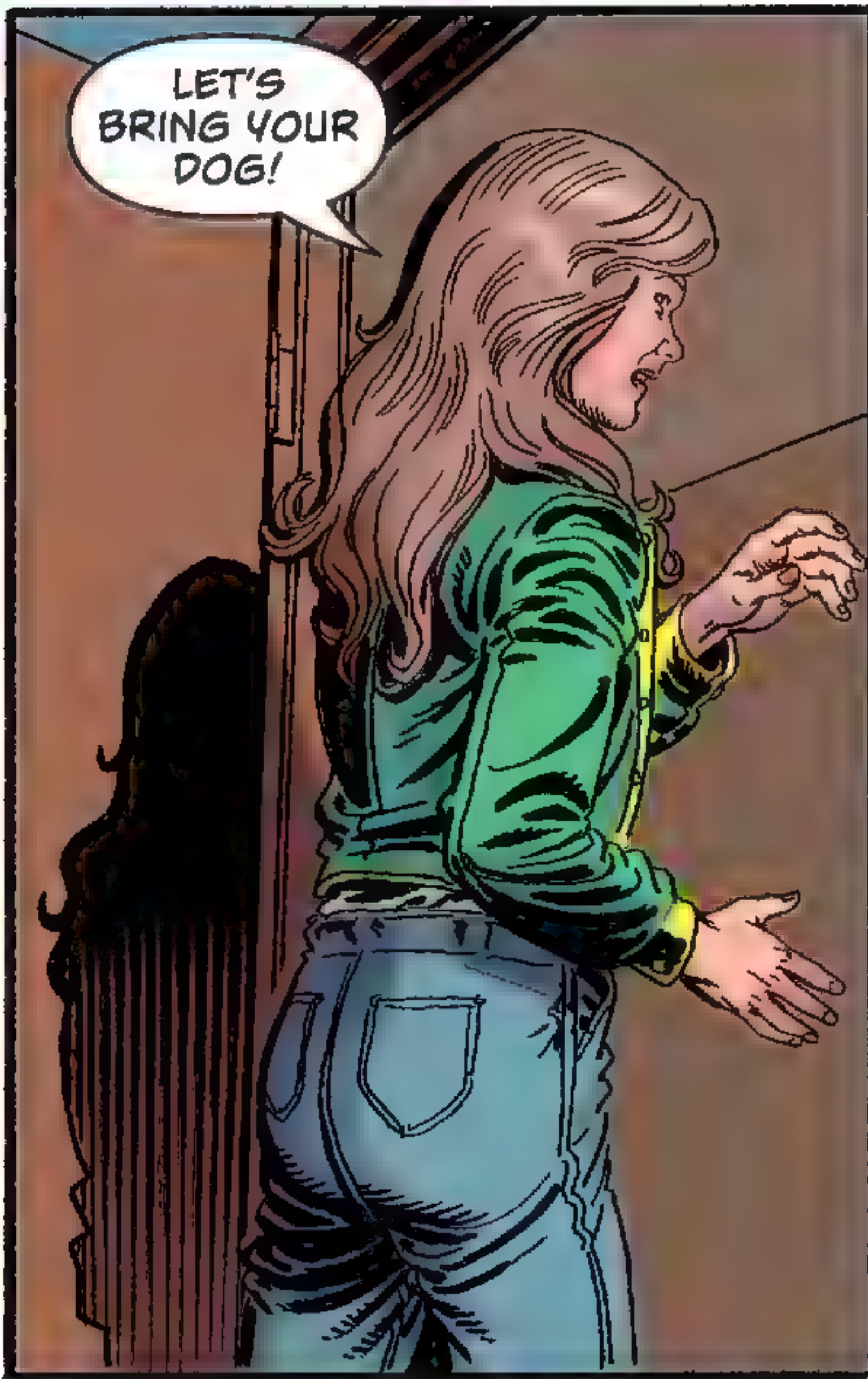
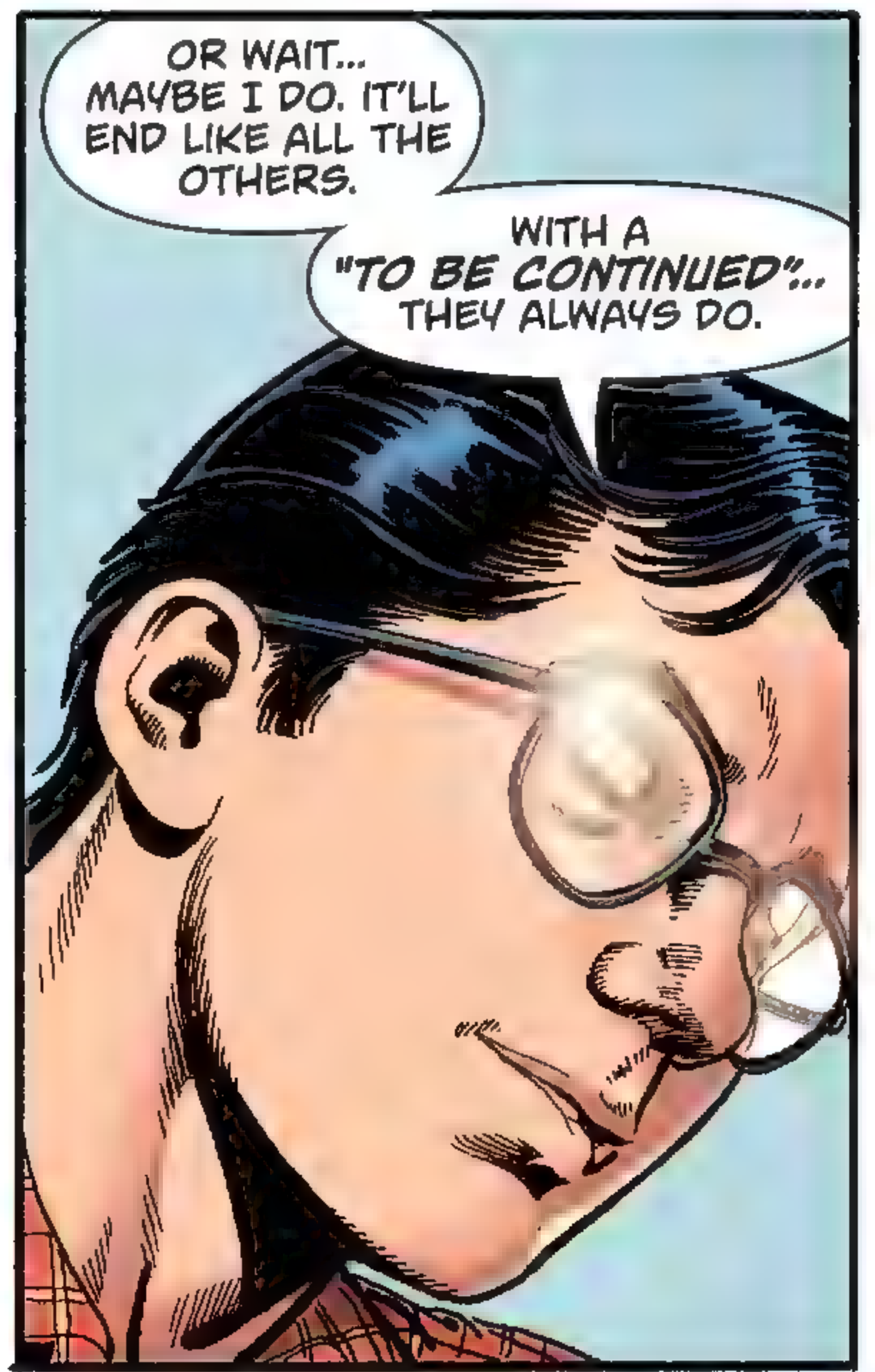
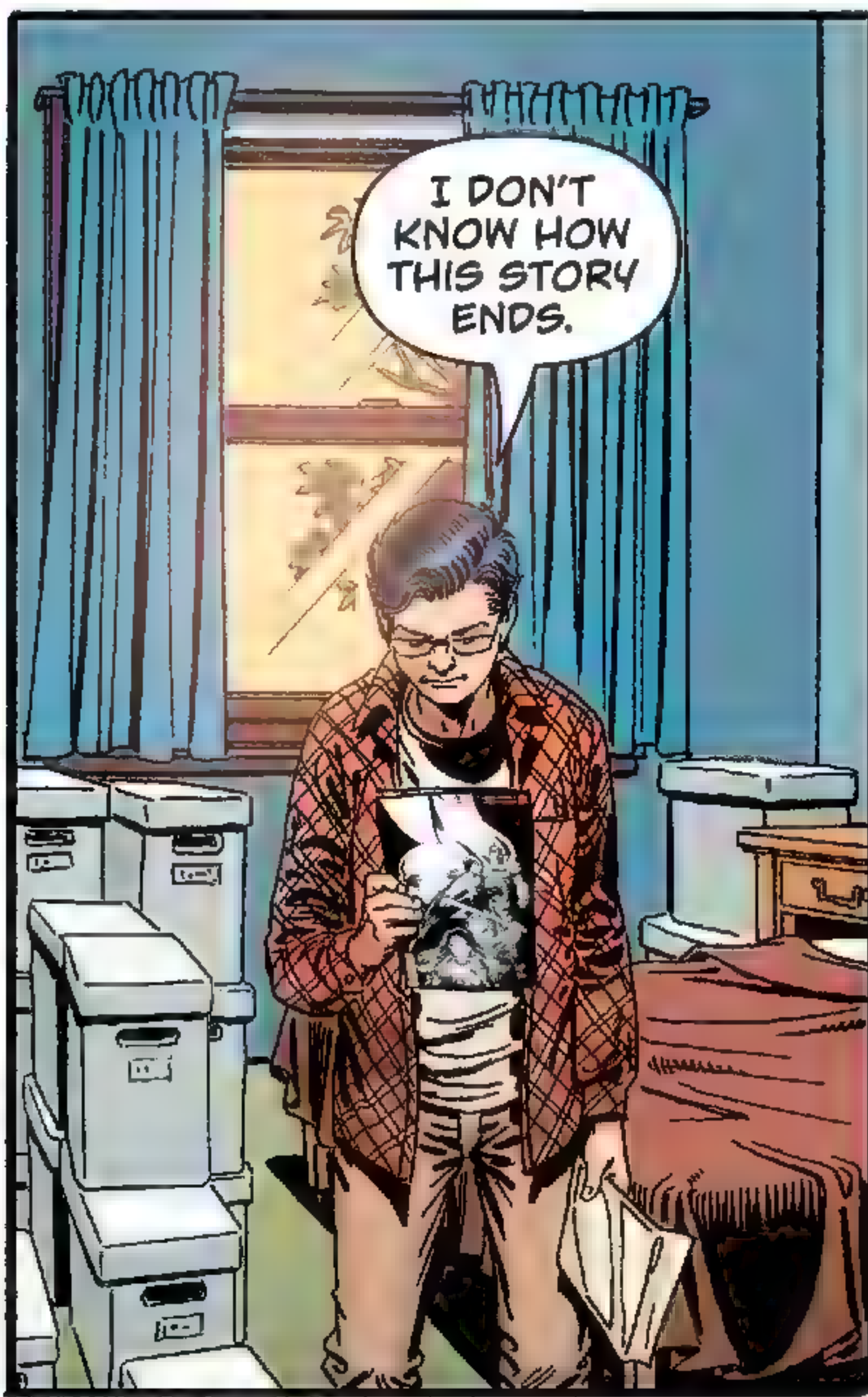


"WE'LL NEVER
KNOW"









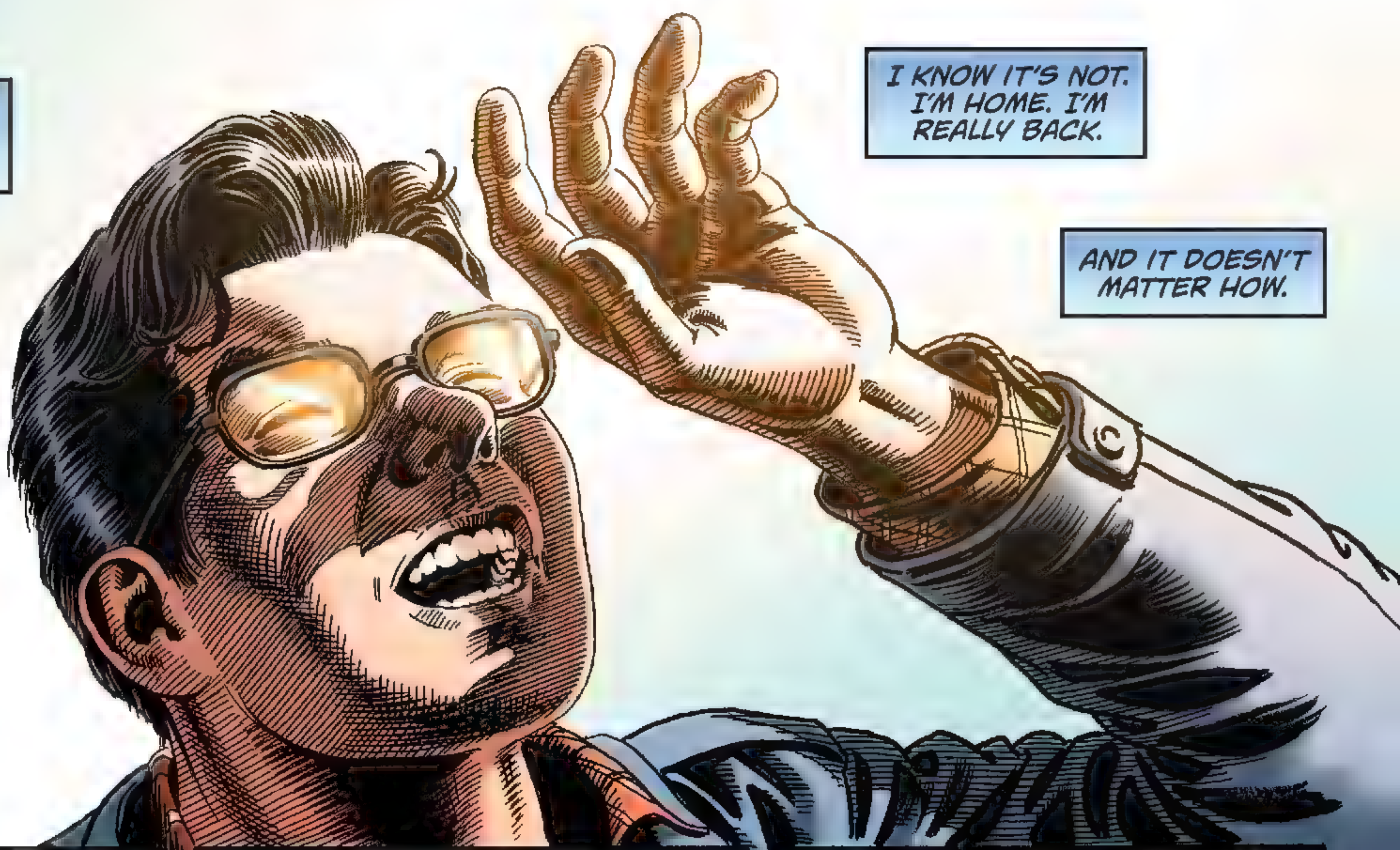
...MAYBE I REALLY DID DIE.

OR MAYBE IT WAS A TRICK OR SOMETHING, BUT...

IT'S SO BRIGHT OUT HERE.

I KNOW IT'S NOT. I'M HOME. I'M REALLY BACK.

AND IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW.



HAVE YOU NOTICED? THE COLORS SEEM SO... DIFFERENT.

I GUESS THEY DO SEEM DIFFERENT.

I SURE FEEL DIFFERENT.

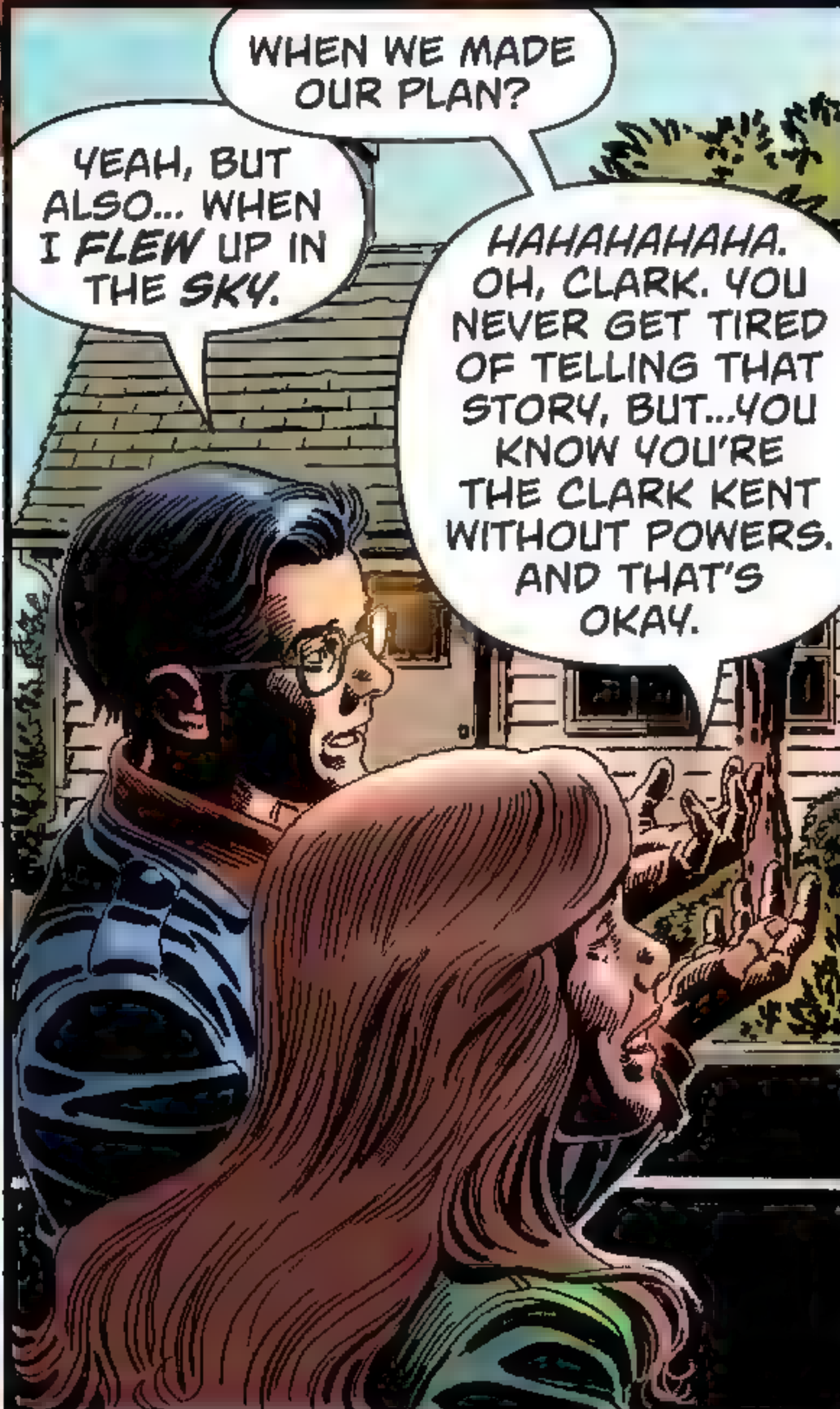
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT NIGHT, LAURIE? AT THE BEACH?



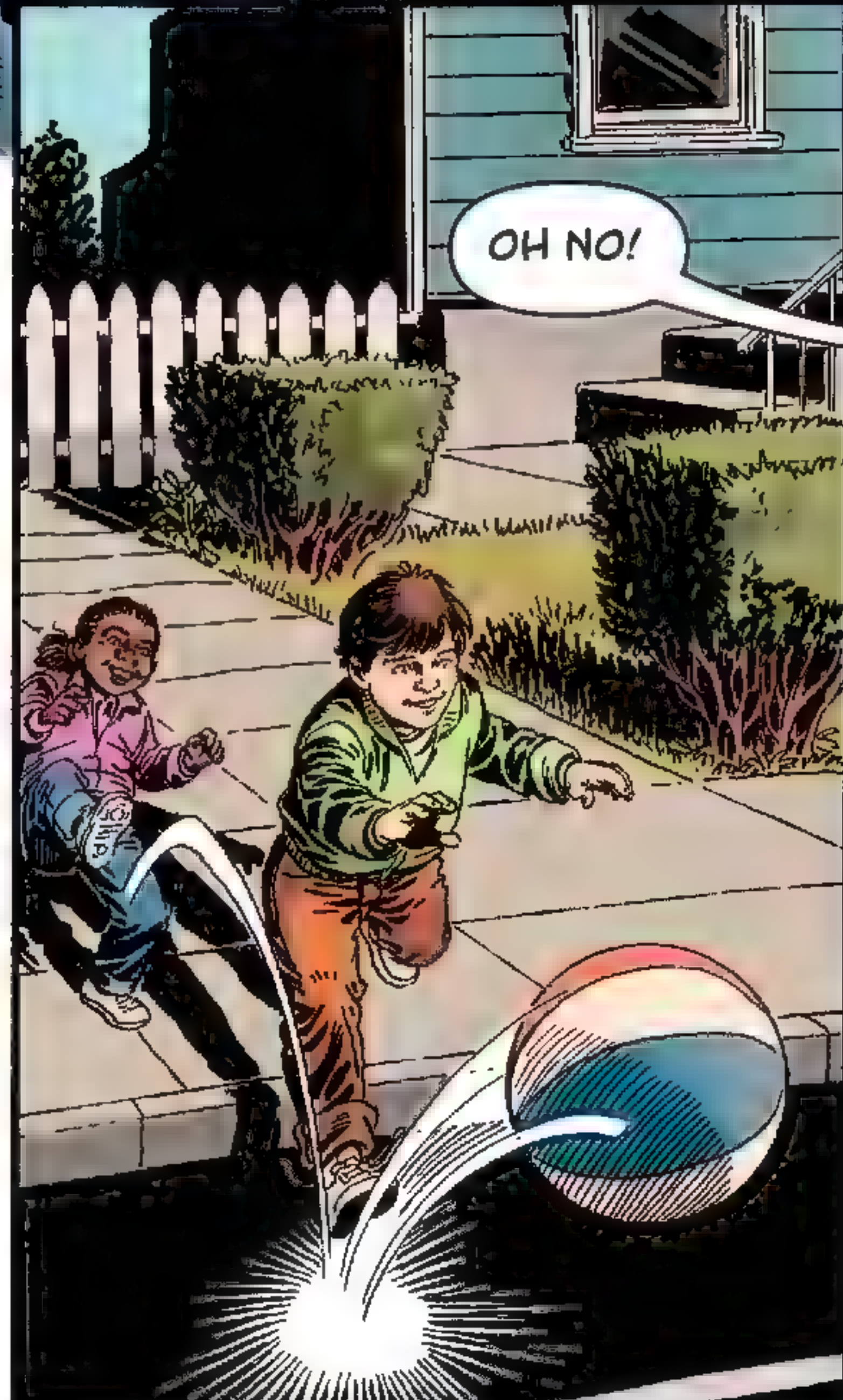
WHEN WE MADE OUR PLAN?

YEAH, BUT ALSO... WHEN I FLEW UP IN THE SKY.

HAHAHAHAHA. OH, CLARK. YOU NEVER GET TIRED OF TELLING THAT STORY, BUT... YOU KNOW YOU'RE THE CLARK KENT WITHOUT POWERS. AND THAT'S OKAY.



OH NO!



BOONK



CLARK?!

CLARK, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!



I'M TRYING.

LAURIE WAS RIGHT. I HAVE TO TRY.



EVEN IF I DON'T HAVE POWERS. EVEN IF I'M NOT...

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...OH.

WELL. MAYBE
THE STORY
ISN'T OVER.

I GUESS
THEY NEVER
ARE.

BUT MAYBE YOU
SHOULD GO OUTSIDE
FOR A WALK, TOO.

CHECK OUT THE
EPIC CONCLUSION IN

DEATH
METAL #7!



**SHE'LL HAVE TO SECURE
HER FREEDOM AND THE
FUTURE OF GOTHAM!**

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TO WAR WITH THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE!**

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SAVE THE PLANET.**

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